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In 1899, having occasion to ask about the early history of the parsonage, we were surprised to find that so little was really known. We began to seek for information about the church and the community, and expected to issue a small pamphlet about the same. The more we studied, the more interesting the place and work of the men who have lived here became. We now send forth this volume as a token of love for the people. Such a work can never pay for itself; we shall be well paid if we get enough to pay for the printing. We have done the best we could to have it reliable, but while tombstones, family Bibles and town records fail to agree, we can always question the truth of dates. In some cases we may be a year either behind or too early. We hope each family will be encouraged to gather data and history. We have been through about two hundred volumes of deeds, and are indebted to those in charge at Northampton and Springfield for the help they have given. Such works as the Hampshire County Gazetteer, History of Connecticut Valley, History of Murrayfield by A. M. Copeland, and many others, should be in every home. For family history, Durrie's American Pedigree is a fine reference book. We believe a history of any town should give the record of those owning its soil, subduing the land, building its churches, schools, and bringing up the children. We give

date and names of lots and their owners when this section was first settled. With few exceptions we believe they built log houses, and gained a livelihood from field, forest and stream. Should the reader discover any errors in these pages we trust he will remember that our facts have been collected from many and varied sources. Considerable time has elapsed since we undertook this interesting work, and many persons who have furnished valuable information have passed to their reward. We believe our State would do well to offer a prize of at least \$100 to towns that will issue histories which meet the approval of a committee of five distinguished men. Of course this sum would not go far toward such work, but it would encourage lawyers, ministers, newspaper men and others to do something along this line. We send forth this volume to show what has been done by those who so nobly helped in building the parsonage, and also to encourage the people who now live here to take a larger interest in their church and to help create a larger public spirit.

Thanking all for their patronage, I remain

Your humble servant,

GEORGE R. MOONY

South Worthington, Mass., Jan. 30, 1905.



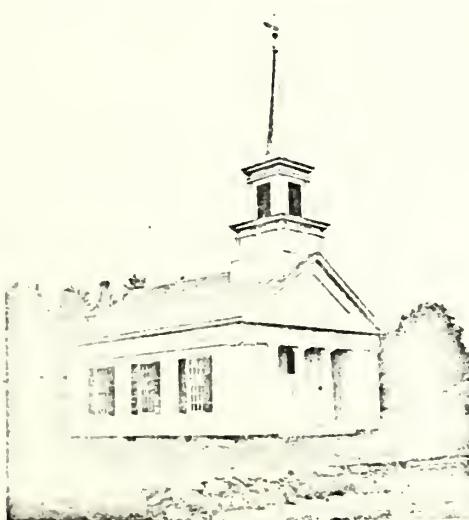
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## Chapter I. *The Religious History of South Worthington before the organization of the Church—1762-1825*

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**I**T is impossible to give all the early facts. The real beginning dates back to when our fathers came from over the waters. All the early settlers came to New England with the desire to know their Maker. Forty settlers came to Ireland street and along the valley in which we live in the space of two years. The conditions of the settlement required that they should (1) build a house eighteen feet square, seven feet posted, within two years—(2) Clear ten acres within four years. (3) Have preaching within five years and organize a church. In the early years they held their services in houses. The Baptist had meetings on Ireland street at Zebulon Robinson's, whose house stood near where Mrs. Hilbert now lives. These early settlers also went to Ashfield. By Chesterfield records dated July 27, August 27, 1767, Rev. Ebenezer Smith certifies that Moses Bacon and William White are of the Baptist persuasion. We also have on record meetings held on Ireland street Sept. 29, 1789. Luke Bonney, Zebulon Robinson, Seth Taylor, chosen to get a teacher, they reported Jan. 26, 1790. On June 15th Elder Vining was ordained, the sermon from I. Tim. 3: 15 being preached by Elder Peter Werden. During the last years of his labor, the church was built at the end of Ireland street, not far from 1798. The records

say, "An accident at the raising, Charles Beswick, Jr., fell and was taken up as dead, but recovered." 1804: Noah Bissell, Dan Daniel, David Macomber, Zebulon Robinson, Abijah Whiting were a committee to finish the church. A plan of the galleries is now to be seen in the Church Record, date 1802-34. The people who attended the church came from Worthington, Huntington, Cummington and Chesterfield. Thus the fathers of those who now attend our church were among them with very few exceptions. We give on the following page the names of the forty-four members of the Society, but do not know the date of their joining. At one time the membership of the church was over two hundred. These persons joined the Society and carried out the law. In 1802, Deacon Samuel Kingman, William Keen and Dan Daniel were made a committee to get either Elder Todd, Whitman, or Keys, to preach the whole day. In October of the same year voted to get terms for which Elder Todd would come. Voted Beriah Curtis, Dan Daniel, Theorun Turner, David Macumber, Seth Taylor, Samuel Davis, to get names of those who would help pay him. 1803: Elder Todd began his labors, receiving one hundred and fifty dollars for the same, and had the first Sunday of each month to go off. Noah Bissell, Samuel Kingman, Benj. Bonney, Zebulon Robin-



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son, John Cowing, committee on church affairs. 1804: Solomon Livermore, Sam. Davis, Elijah Cole, committee. 1805: Abraham Joslyn, Samuel Kingman, Elijah Cole, to collect the money to pay Elder Todd. Samuel Bemis, Samuel Reed, Joseph Torry to look after work of Society. 1805: Voted to get deed of the land on which the church stood. 1806: James Pearles, Benjamin Niles, Braddock Seales, collectors. Abijah Whitting, Dan Daniel, Eli Metelef, to get land of Noah Bissell and Thomas Buck to build horsesheds on. Voted Jaber Bartlett to attend to his business as Titheman. Voted Abner Tower to keep silent on Sunday in the galleries. The land east side of the church belonged to Thomas Buck; west side to Noah Bissell. 1807: Samuel Reed, Jabez Bartlet, Joseph Torry, Luther Wilder, Benjamin Niles, collectors. 1808: The meeting adjourned from time to time. 1809: A committee to settle with Elder Todd for the fourth and fifth years was Abijah Whitting, Jessie Torry, Seth Benington. 1810: Dan Daniel, William Keen, Luther Cudworth, Jr., Nathaniel Bryant to look after the affairs of the church. 1811: Samuel Reed, Noah Bissell, Charles Cudworth, Luther Cudworth, Jr., Joseph Torrey. 1812: Noah Bissell, Eli Metelef, Timothy Austin to settle with Elder Todd, and the money was raised by free donations, "free" meaning here voluntary subscriptions. 1813: Deacon Macumber, Samuel Reed, Abner Tower, to look after church affairs. Elder Todd went to the east side of the town one Sunday in each month. 1814: Noah Hayden, Dan Daniel, David Macumber were the committee. 1815: Dan Daniel, Amaziah Cole, Capt. Joel Thayer, Joseph Torry, Isaac King, Bela Stetson the committee, and they paid Elder Todd one hundred dollars, and the public money from the town. 1816: Bela Stetson, Joshua Nickols, John Pratt, committee, one-half of the time at the east side, the other at the west side for preaching. 1817: Deacon Timothy Austin, Deacon Job Cudworth, Noah Hayden to sign certificates to members. 1818: Bela Stetson, John Pratt, Joshua Nickols, committee. Elder Webber and Keys were asked to preach, and Abner Tower, Elisha Witherell to collect money for the church. This year was full of trouble to get money and a preacher. 1819: They held their meetings at Zebulon Robinson's house. Deacon Timothy Austin, committee to receive the money for preaching. Joshua Nickols clerk instead of Dan Daniel. 1820: Abner Tower, Isaac King, Alver King, Thomas Buck, Levi Stebbins, committee. A warrant was posted in October to see if they would have a teacher to instruct

them in the important theme of Religion for the ensuing year and how they would compensate him or them for their Laborious Services. Following are the names of the members of the Society:

Timothy Austin	Asa Robinson	Eli Metelef	Zebulon Robinson
Abner Tower	Elijah Cole	Samuel Elder	Gathelius Cowing
Matthew Burton	David Todd	Elijah Dodge	Charles Robinson
Simeon Litchfield	Alpha Thayer	Ansel Thayer	Joseph Cole
Thomas Moore	Calvin Cowing	Mark Williams	Seomeon Drake
Chester Anable	Moses Fisk	Thompson Cowing	Zara Rude
Roswell Buck	Luther Snow	Methodia Drake	Holland Moore
Charles Dewey	Abner Kinnie	Samuel Cole	Silas Robinson
Ebenezer Cole	John Kinnie	Lyman Culver	Barnard Burton
Solomon Burton	Elijah Willis	Alanson Leonard	Sumner Leonard
Peter Niles	William Higgins	Noah Bissell	Stephen Thayer

On October 26th (1820) they had their meeting in the new church at West Chesterfield for the first time. John Pratt, Abiather Vinton to unite with the Church Committee to procure preaching. Thus we see that they occupied the new meeting-house at the Gate in 1820, and it caused a dissatisfaction which left our part of the parish to build for themselves, and those who lived on the Goffe (Goss) Hill began to lose interest. 1821: Elder Jackson or Woodbridge to preach what they can. Eleazer Ring, Joshua Nickols, Jacob Shaw, committee in charge. 1822: They met May 3rd at the east side meeting-house. Elder Hines was hired. Joshua Nickols, Jacob Shaw, Eli Metelef, a committee to incorporate the Society. On November 11th had a meeting at the west side church. Voted Eli Jones, Joseph Torry, Cotton Vinton to get the men out and get the wood for Elder Hines. 1823: Elder Hines preached for a hundred dollars. Elisha Witherell, Joshua Nickols, to look after the collecting. Elisha Bisbee, Eli Metelef treasurers for the two Societies. Gathelius Cowing looked after the names of those who lived in Norwich (Huntington) who belonged to the Society. Elijah Higgins, John Pratt, Luther Higgins, were chosen choristers in the Societies. Voted to hire Gideon Penroy's farm for Elder Hines. 1824: Met at the school-house near Zebulon Robinson's. Chose Calvin Cowing, Timothy Austin, Asa Robinson, to revise the constitution so as to comply with the law. Elkanah Ring, Elijah Cole, committee in charge. In May, 1824, voted to hire Elder Grant one-half of the time and Elder Abbott the other half for the ensuing six months and lay out ten dollars to repair the church. 1825: Asa Robinson, collector. John Pratt, Gathelius



Cowing, Dan Daniel, assessors. Voted to hire Elder Grant one-half of the time for the year and raised seventy-eight dollars for the same. 1826: Dan Daniel, Timothy Austin, Zebulon Robinson, Gathelus Cowing, John Pratt, Thompson Cowing, committee in charge; no preacher hired. 1827-28: No record of any meetings. 1829: Capt. Thompson Cowing, Asa Robinson, Abner Kinnie, committee in charge. Voted to raise sixty dollars for a minister. Lewis Higgins, collector and treasurer; John Kinnie, clerk. 1830: Met at Zebulon Robinson's, chose Timothy Austin, Asa Robinson, Eli Metclef, John Kinnie, Lewis Higgins, committee in charge. Voted at a later meeting to recall their vote to move the meeting-house. Dan Daniel, Noah Bissell, William Hartwell, committee to get the right of different persons interested in the church. 1831: Asa Robinson, Eli Metclef, Lewis Higgins, Abner Tower, committee in charge. 1832-33: No record. 1834: A union of the Baptists of Chesterfield proposed; a few voted against it. In 1832 Ezekiel Tower, Silas Robinson, committee in charge, voted to call a council to consider their troubles.

## ORGANIZATION 1821-'28

Man's extremity was God's opportunity. The local preachers began to visit this section. Many different preachers went from house to house, holding services in barns, groves, hay-lofts, school-houses, anywhere to preach, sing, or pray, that God's name might be glorified. It seemed as if the very rocks would speak to the lost world. Oh! that such a spirit might come down upon us today. Among the workers were Rev. Mr. Lucky White, Hastings and Sibly. The meetings were held under a maple tree standing behind the Academy barn. As the work prevailed they moved to a barn at the fork of the road near A. Witherell's place. As the cold weather came on in 1821 they moved into the Burton school-house near the barn. Both are now (1904) gone. A class was formed with Elijah Cole as class leader, and a society soon followed.

Tradition says "That one beautiful sabbath Horace Cole and seven others joined the church," thereby they secured a man who had the mind and means to build a meeting-house. Horace Cole was born 1799, and died 1887. Among the men who put forth efforts to have religious services were William Sanderson who, in 1823, hired Mr.

Chose Rev. E. Sweet, Rev. A. B. Egglestone, Rev. I. M. Whipple and Rev. David Bullow, Dea. Joseph Stanton, Bros. Heman Eldridge and John Cady. These men made their report that no adjustment could be expected, and advised them to assume their former name. In 1824 the east side became a church. 1845: Rev. John Bicknell and William Tower, to look after the affairs of the church, and Elder Sweet to preach.

Such struggles live a great many years while the record ceases to speak of such, yet both claimed they were right and both thereby met death. The ministers who have served were as follows: Elder Vining, 1790-1802; Elder Todd, 1802-1820, but we think it was more likely 1817; two years vacant; Elder Himes, 1822-1824; Elder Grant, Woodbridge, Abbott, Sweet, were employed. Thus we see the struggles of the Baptist people and their influence over our people from the early settlement of our parish. When the church was moved to Robinson Hollow (West Chesterfield) the people around here began to lose interest and the religious life was at a low ebb.

Sibly to run the grist-mill and conduct meetings around in the homes of our section. Horace Cole hired Mr. Hastings, an exhorter of Blandford, and told him he would feed and clothe him if he would only hold meetings. He lived in the Castle place at that time. Mr. Hastings did much to get the young society started. Horace Cole subscribed one hundred dollars in money and land, while others made up the sum to two hundred dollars. After two or three years of hard work they succeeded in building what is now the upper story of the Academy. [See plate C. No. 3, page 26.] The lumber and labor were all contributed by the people, and the money used to buy windows and hardware and to plaster the church. Page 10 tells who lived here in 1821, so it can be seen who labored for a church building. Each did what he could, and by push and energy they soon had a small yet neat church, which was completed and dedicated to the Society Sept. 30, 1828. The preachers went on the circuit system. The church had a great hold on the people. The church at the Center was supported by taxation until 1865. Some were excused under certain conditions, but the records fail to reveal who they were. The



loyal manner in which they supported the church should put many of us to shame. On Sunday everyone went to church to hear the news and talk over the affairs of the community. In every generation the churches have had the few who obtain the real spiritual life which all should possess.

Our fathers wrought well, but later we shall call attention to one change they made that seems to us a great mistake on their part. They made progress towards a higher moral life, which has gone on until we enjoy many more blessings than they did. The writer would here note that after a careful study of the individual life of our fathers he must admit that he does not agree with those who assert that the town of today is degenerate. We have every reason to expect our people to advance notwithstanding the conditions of life are constantly changing. During the early years of the church everyone attended church as a matter of business. Every man and every woman in the country was king or queen, independent of the other, and they went to church to keep in touch with one another. When the circuit system prevailed, the preachers came once or twice a month and thus brought the people in touch with different towns. But soon the church had a settled minister. In 1810 our town had its largest population. The church has done a valuable work in sending many converts West who have spread the Gospel. Many are the conflicts over the questions of the day, and the church has had its share. Slavery was opposed by everyone about here, but the great Methodist church did not move fast enough in regard to this momentous question.

Our church grew slowly from a few in 1828 to a large country church in 1843. In this year they seceded from the Methodist denomination and formed the Wesleyan. Such was the hold Presiding Elder Orange Scott had on his people that they named their babies after him. A large number of the churches of this section were led astray. Many of them died, or after a few years were glad to come back to the mother church. During this period they secured their preachers the best they could.

Among the interesting stories which have come to us is the following: "One sabbath the minister had preached that there is no judgment day, no punishment for the wicked, and after a very elaborate discourse he was met at the door by one of the roughest men of the community; one who held the church from a business standpoint as a great blessing, yet had never sought the salvation of his soul. As

he met the preacher he exclaimed, "I am afraid you will find a hell both on earth and beyond if you don't stand by the word of God better." The people believed in the Bible, and the men of today were children then. During the years of separation, we hear of no seeking after God, but years of debate and strife. After a period of seventeen years they wanted a larger church, and for two years it was debated over and over again, and then they found they must repair or build new. They appointed a committee consisting of William Cole, John Cole, Consider Cole, Lewis Smith, Isaac Thrasher, Martin Conwell and Rev. Asa Niles. After a struggle of five years or more they succeeded in finishing the present church building. The trustees of the church in 1829 were Horace Cole, John Taylor, Ebenezer Cole, Elijah Cole and John Pratt. Thus we see the Coles were of greatest assistance to the community in building churches. On May 18, 1848, they dedicated the new church, which we are now using. The sermon was preached by Rev. Luther Lee of New York City, from H. Chronicles 6: 18. At the raising they roasted a whole calf and a sheep, the calf it is said filling Mrs. Niles' brick oven. They put on two bushels of potatoes to boil, but being unable to succeed in this, Mr. Niles and Martin Conwell built a fire out of doors and thus had them ready by dinner time. Men came from twenty miles around. The dinner alone, which was served in Mr. Niles' peach orchard, made it a notable day. Those people could appreciate a good dinner. The building at first was let out by contract, but the contractor failing, each one doubled his subscription and they finished the building, costing about three thousand dollars, which has been a landmark ever since. It is a model church of its kind, its proportions are fine and everyone who sees it is attracted by its beauty. The record of these transactions was kept by William Cole, but since the death of his wife we have been unable to find it. It was read over, two years before her death, by John Anable. Previous to the war this parish got along for some time without preaching. During the seventeen years that they were in the Wesleyan denomination, they had for preachers William P. White and James Wright. The latter was the minister in 1847 and 1848 when the church was built, and was known as "Daddy Wright." He kept store in the Old Church, which he bought and repaired and made into a dwelling house and store. Later it was sold to Consider Cole and then to Isaac Thrasher, whose heirs sold it to Doctor Conwell. Daniel Waite, who died in 1883, was followed by



Edward Stockman, Moses Stoddard, Ephraim Scott and Mr. Flagg. Rev. Asa Niles frequently supplied the pulpit, but was never pastor. We have been unable to find the names of all the preachers of this period. D. N. Merritt and William Taylor often preached to the people. At the beginning of the war they became attached to Chesterfield and were furnished preachers by the presiding elder. One of these was Rev. Erasmus Morgan, who persuaded them to return to the fold, and from that time the record is unbroken.

The Sunday school was held the year around for the first time in 1868. The membership in 1869 was forty-one, with eleven probationers. The quarterly conference report contains this statement : "The people are willing and yet they appear to have acquired the habit of paying carefully as well as subscribing moderately." Ever since 1872 the church property has been cared for by trustees, elected by the quarterly conference ; before that time it was controlled by pew-holders, and the parsonage was controlled by stock-holders. The parsonage and church are now controlled by trustees elected according to the rules of the Methodist church. The church was once blessed with a Cole fund which netted the church thirty dollars a year. When J. W. Cole was pastor he married ten couples and the membership and probationers numbered one hundred and two. The religious experiences of the members have never been deep, as indicated by the fact that two copies of the church paper is the largest number that has ever been taken. In 1904 the pastor was the only one taking the church paper. The excuse always is, "We are too poor." Thus they starve the soul and fail of a full enjoyment of a spiritual life. The church has advanced the morality of the community, made life safe, kept many out of jail, and been a blessing which oftentimes the people fail to appreciate. A church well kept and conscientiously setting forth the principles for which it stands will bring at least fifty per cent. to the valuation of property, and we are not so sure but that if the community would do its duty many a retired man would seek his final home amidst its influence.

In April of 1876 Mother Carpenter died at the age of ninety years, having been for seventy-one years a member of the Methodist church.

We add below a list of ministers who had a part in the great work of the church, and pray that somehow the men and women of today may be led to see its blessings, their need, its need of them and

seek the enjoyment of a spiritual life which will make the church of the future what it should be and win for them a place in heaven. In 1887 five hundred and fifty dollars were spent on the church. Lyman T. King was the solicitor and E. S. Kinnie the collector and treasurer. In 1894 the church was painted. The ministers were as follows : 1828, Rev. Mr. Lucky and White; 1829, George Sootherland, E. M. Beebe; 1830, H. S. Randall, H. Moulton; 1831, J. M. Case, Philo Hawks; 1832, E. M. Beebe; 1833, D. Leslie, E. Scott; 1834-5, D. Leslie; 1836, E. Scott, W. Gordon; 1837, E. Scott; 1838, B. McClouth; 1839, Amasa Taylor; 1840, Amasa Taylor; 1841, D. L. Winslow; 1842-3, B. McClouth. In 1843 they left the Methodist denomination and for seventeen years went by the name of Wesleyan Society. The names of two or three ministers are not obtainable, but William P. White, James Wright, Daniel Waite, Edward Stockman, Moses Stoddard, E. Scott and Asa Niles served the church. In 1861-2 Erasmus Morgan, a Methodist, was sent by the presiding elder to take charge, and he persuaded the people to apply to the conference for a preacher. 1863, J. R. Pendell; 1864-5-6, L. A. Bosworth; 1867-8, William Gordon; 1869-70, N. H. Martin; 1871-2, W. H. Adams; 1873-4, J. W. Cole; 1875-6, N. Soul; 1877-8-9, L. White; 1880, J. J. Woodbury; 1881, C. R. Sherman; 1882, C. H. Vinton; 1883, W. H. Atkins; 1884, B. F. Kingsley; 1885-6, J. K. Thompson; 1887, A. A. Grave; 1888-9, T. W. Douglas; 1890 1-2-3, C. P. Ketchen; 1894 5, W. T. Hale; 1896, F. I. Bell; 1897, George Crosby; 1898, W. E. Hopkins who died, and H. C. Millington finished the year; 1899 00 1 2 3 4, George K. Moody.

Miss Julia E. Bicknell of West Chesterfield recalls many interesting instances of early church life, such as the following:

I remember that a great-aunt, who has been dead forty years, used to allude to circumstances concerning the Reformation which happened when she was a girl, which suggest the idea that there was a revival here in her youth of deeper and more widespread interest than those of recent years. I have heard my mother tell what other people told her of such an event. My recollections, however, are of many years preceding 1874. Religion had been at a low ebb. There were a few Baptists and Free-will Baptists but Methodism had died out in Chesterfield and there was no longer enjoyed the preaching of such pastors as had made occasional visits in former years. Prayer meetings were not kept up. Skepticism and infidelity were on the



increase. Spiritualist speakers were welcome because, one man said, they taught something new that had not been preached for many years. The unconverted were not merely profane and pleasure-loving, but seemed terribly hardened when an evangelist (the Rev. J. W. Cole) came to the place from South Worthington. It he had the kind of faith that laughs at impossibilities and cried "It shall be done," I think there was not much of it here. Christian people had invited the evangelist to come. They prayed long and earnestly for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but it hardly seemed that we could have a revival of religion. One man who was opposed to revivals said, "He has got up excitement in other places, he will here." But that was the only confident prediction as to the success of his meetings which I heard of. But success came, and it came in spite of the fears of the Christians and the sneers of the sinners. The time was ripe and it came in spite

of wicked men and devils. I think that the meetings were held ten days before the impenitent showed signs of yielding, and lasted a month in all. There were several conversions, among whom were persons of mature years and heads of families. Probably if there had been a Methodist church here they would have joined it, but Brother Cole advised his converts, under the circumstances, to join the Congregational church. Before he went away he established a prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings, which has been kept up, with few omissions, ever since. The revival of 1874 made possible a revival under the preaching of the same minister when some young men were converted who are now active members in our C. E. Society. So we have to think kindly of Methodism in general and of the church of that faith in South Worthington in particular.

## F I N A N C E

This has been the great problem of the church in modern days. The real success of the work is to get men to know God and to grow in grace; in other words, to learn good things, to practice good deeds, to worship God so as to feel within the presence of the Holy Spirit, and then men would gladly pay what is needed to support the Gospel. The people living in the country are scattered, and have but little money, and the preacher still less. Each takes it for granted that the rest pay, so it does not matter about themselves. It is expected that the minister will ride in a good carriage, drive a good horse and dress well, yet if he does this they are jealous and dislike to pay him; if he does not do this, he is talked about and must soon change his ways or move. If he is not payed he can not keep up a respectable appearance. If he is a good man he will avoid debt if possible, but if it become necessary he is likely to be tried before his conference or his brethren. The pay of all kinds of labor, excepting the salary of the country minister, has increased. The preacher's salary in a large percentage of the country towns is smaller than the fathers' were, yet the demands have increased fivefold. We must look back over fifty years to find the salary smaller than now, and even then the preacher had fifty dollars besides his living, which was given him by donations. The work of the collector or treasurer is very hard. It requires a very

shrewd man or woman to collect the minister's salary. The people dislike to be dunred or otherwise reminded of their obligation, so it often happens that the poor minister has been perhaps a month without a cent in his pocket, and he may have needed sugar or flour. Among those who have occupied the difficult position of collector are William Cole, Lyman Higgins, David Blair, Amasa Cole, E. S. Kinnie, Mary Smith and many others. This year Mrs. Laforest Converse fills that office. Friends! help those whose duty it is to collect the minister's salary. He needs it when it becomes due. It is, in the case of your minister, absolutely necessary, for without the sum you give your minister for his labor, he has either to get trusted or go without. We have been offered one thousand dollars how to live on the salary you pay. If you had to pay for wood, hay, grain, milk, butter and such as you get from your farms, you would soon see that your minister has far less than any around him. The ability to even interest you a little would in any other occupation give him a better living than he now receives. If he toils over his books, holds meetings, visits evenings, rides nine miles after nine o'clock and does many things which you do not dream of, studies YOU and all the others, asking himself if it is possible for him to help you, how to speak to you so as to give you good thoughts, lead you to look to your own



interest—the greatest of all interests, your soul—while you avoid him along this line and perchance he feels he can do you no good, and you disliking him turn up your nose at him, you have a faint picture of his life. HELP HIM, talk religion to him; get at him for your own good. His experiences along these lines are greater than you can ever appreciate; get out of him for yourself all you can; above all else get all the lifting influence you can. You will need them as you go down the valley and the shadow of death. We urge you to take more interest in the church. The following figures are submitted for your study and we urge you to improve the conditions if possible. READER, this means YOU.

The minister's pay during the four years 1901-2-3-4, in comparison:

1901	1902	1903	1904
May 19 \$3.00	May 5 \$6.00	Apr. 14 \$20.00	May 2 \$14.66
May 25 3.00	June 2 8.00	May 3 5.00	June 5 26.50
June 3 8.00	July 22 21.00	June 8 9.00	July 4 11.25
July 18 40.00	Aug. 18 3.00	July 3 5.00	July 12 5.00
July 27 46.00	Aug. 25 17.00	July 30 4.00	July 22 6.00
Aug. 14 10.00	Aug. 26 5.00	Aug. 9 3.00	July 28 20.00
Sept. 9 18.00	Sept. 3 30.00	Sept. 4 5.00	Aug. 7 8.50
Oct. 7 10.00	Oct. 20 5.00	Sept. 9 47.00	Aug. 19 42.00
Oct. 29 37.00	Nov. 1 3.00	Sept. 23 5.00	Sept. 18 16.00
Dec. 5 7.00	Nov. 14 6.00	Oct. 9 2.00	—
Dec. 30 6.00	Nov. 24 17.00	Nov. 3 28.00	\$150.00
Jan. 11 12.00	Dec. 1 26.00	Dec. 11 17.00	Paid to Oct. 1
Feb. 7 20.00	Dec. 13 4.00	Jan. 19 11.00	
Feb. 11 6.00	Dec. 20 7.00	Feb. 1 24.00	
Mar. 7 11.00	Jan. 5 7.00	Feb. 17 13.00	
Mar. 21 7.00	Jan. 22 5.00	Mar. 2 13.00	
Mar. 31 12.00	Feb. 3 11.00	Mar. 22 16.00	
Apr. 5 22.00	Feb. 13 22.00	Mar. 30 6.00	
Apr. 6 22.00	Feb. 19 38.00	Apr. 2 13.00	
\$300.00	Mar. 5 6.60	Apr. 3 15.00	
	Mar. 15 25.40	Apr. 14 8.00	
	Mar. 29 25.00	Apr. 29 9.70	
		May 8 2.00	
		May 19 5.00	
		May 20 2.00	
		July 10 3.00	
		Aug. 17 2.00	
		Settlement 3.30	
		\$300.00	

Expense 1903, P. Elder \$20.00, oil and can \$2.03, Taxes \$23.51, Missions \$3.00, Sustentations \$1.00, Conference Expenses \$1.00. Total \$50.56. Total Current Expenses for 1903, \$350.56.

#### Where the money comes from:

	1903	1904	1903	1904
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Adams	\$10.00	\$10.00	Kate Higgins	\$3.00
Martha Angle	2.00	1.00	Mary Hilbert	10.00
Sarah Adams	2.00	2.00	E. Johnson	5.00
J. Breguet	1.00	2.00	O. S. Pomroy	5.00
Irving Burk	1.00		F. A. Sanderson	2.00
C. E. Bradley	4.00	10.00	William Smith	3.00
H. D. Bradley	2.00		M. Smith	5.00
Maurice Clark	2.00	2.00	C. W. Smith	12.00
Earl Cowing	1.00	1.50	P. L. Smith & Son	25.00
Emma Cole	3.00	3.00	Mary Smith	5.00
Amasa Cole	5.00	5.00	Maurice Smith	2.00
Edward Cole	4.00	5.00	M. Stetson	5.00
S. Converse and daughters	3.00	3.00	Charles Wood	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. Converse	10.00	15.00	A. Witherell	1.00
A. G. Drake	8.00	10.00	M. Wilham	2.00
A. Dodge	3.00		Sunner Brown	3.00
George Dodge	3.00	3.00	Clara Blair	5.00
R. Drake	5.00	5.00	Alzina Perry	1.00
A. Freeman	5.00	5.00	George Pease	2.00
Fred Fairman	1.00		Gaston Smith	2.00
L. H. Granger	5.00	5.00	Charles Strong	2.00
Maurice Gannon	1.00	1.00	Grover Strong	1.00
L. Higgins	5.00	5.00	George Thrasher	2.00
Z. H. Hancock	15.00	12.00	Mrs. Emma Thrasher	1.00
H. Hiscock	5.00	5.00	Mary Taylor	1.00

#### Collections from other sources for 1903:

May 3 \$0.25	Oct. 4 \$1.00	Dec. 1 \$6.25	Feb. 14 \$0.74
June 7 .75	Oct. 18 1.05	Dec. 6 .35	Feb. 24 6.34
July 5 .87	Oct. 25 1.55	Dec. 10 5.75	Feb. 28 .45
Aug. 1 1.36	Nov. 1 1.82	Jan. 14 8.00	Mar. 26 7.00
Aug. 9 3.00	Chicken	Jan. 24 .61	
Aug. 16 16.35	piesupper 20.00	Jan. 28 8.75	\$133.93
Aug. 23 2.36	Nov. 15 .76	Feb. 4 3.50	Subs. 192.00
Sept. 6 .26	Nov. 22 1.80	Feb. 7 .23	
Sept. 8 23.82	(Lecture)	Nov. 29 .51	Feb. 11 5.45
			\$335.93



Thus we see where the money came from in 1903. At its close we lacked \$14.63, which the treasurer solicited from friends.

Our church is attached to the New England Conference, and is presided over by a bishop elected by the General Conference which meets once in four years. The New England Conference meets every year, to which the presiding elder must report the condition of the churches of his district. He has charge of the churches, must oversee the pastors, and is considered the general manager of the churches in the district. The present encumbent of this office in the Springfield District is Rev. William G. Richardson, who was born in Anson, Me., 1848. His education was received in the Latin School, the preparatory department of Bates College, and he is a graduate of the School of Theology of Boston University, class of 1874. At eighteen years of age, deliberately and alone, he began the Christian life, and soon united with the Park St. Church at Lewiston, Me. He entered the Presiding Eldership from First church, Fitchburg, where he closed a five-years' pastorate. He was pastor of St. Luke's church for five years before going to Fitchburg. His work has been marked by great progress wherever he has been, and in St. Luke's church the membership was doubled during his pastorate. He came into the Conference in 1873, and was first located at Appleton church in Boston. He was afterward three years in Allston, two years at Newton Lower Falls, three years at Amherst, three years at Warren, five years at Watertown, two years at Cambridge, coming from there to Springfield. In 1879 Rev. Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Helen L. Ham, a teacher in the Lowell high school. They have three children.



REV. WILLIAM G. RICHARDSON

We present at this point some facts regarding Pastor Moody and his family.

#### REV. AND MRS. GEORGE REED MOODY

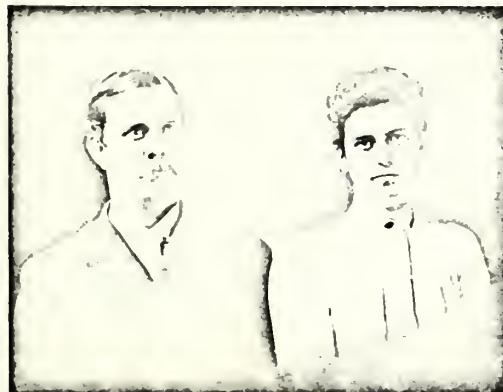
Rev. George R. Moody was born at Methuen, Mass., Sept. 7, 1866. His grandfather, Silas Moody, born in Granby, Mass., April 24, 1796, married in Amherst, May 22, 1817, Judith Green, daughter of Timothy Green, Jr., and Sybil Hastings Green. She was born in Amherst, Nov. 19, 1796. They lived in Granby until 1822, then moved to Vesshire, Vt., and lived until her death June 7, 1877, when he came to Methuen, Mass., and died Jan. 4, 1878. She was 80 years, 6 months, 18 days; he 81 years, 8 months, 10 days. He lived with his son Almon Moody (father of Rev. George R. Moody), who was born in Vesshire, Vt., Jan. 9, 1828, one of ten children. He married Hannah Morse Clark, July 3, 1851, a daughter of Ezekiel Clark, who was born in Methuen, Oct. 19, 1831, and died Oct. 5, 1902. He was in U. S. service, First Heavy Artillery, Co. B. Enlisted Aug. 8, 1862, from Methuen, and was discharged Jan. 27, 1864; re-enlisted Jan. 28, 1864, and engaged in nineteen battles. They had nine children, and seven are now living, Rev. George R. Moody being the sixth. He attended the district school until eleven years of age, when he was compelled to leave home and go to work. He spent two years at South Dartmouth, attending school winters. He then removed to Lawrence and entered the Oliver grammar school where he received double promotion and was graduated in the class of 1881, being then admitted to the high school. He later attended Phillips Academy, and served as an assistant Y. M. C. A. secretary one year at Lawrence. He worked three years as night operator and night agent on the Boston and Lowell railroad, then spent three years with the New Home Sewing Machine Company at Orange, meanwhile studying theology. He served six years as a supply in the East Maine conference, and built a church in his first charge. Mr. Moody was ordained a deacon in 1894 at Houlton, Me., and as an elder in 1898 at Bangor, Me. In 1899 he was appointed to supply at South Worthington, and at the last session in Springfield, of the New England conference, he was admitted to the conference on trial and appointed for the sixth year to South Worthington. This is the first time for over twenty years that the conference has made a direct appointment to the South Worthington parish.



Mr. Moody was married to Miss Sarah A. Fallows, Sept. 12, 1888. Her father, John Fallows, was born in England, Jan. 10, 1835, and married Sarah A. Barrett, who was born Aug. 12, 1835. They came to this country in 1864. Her brothers, who came earlier, were Samuel, who was boss dyer over forty years in the Pacific Mills in Lawrence, Mass., and James, a gardener, who laid out the grounds around the Raymond Hotel in California, having been sent there by the owners from Boston, Mass. Mrs. Fallows (Mrs. Moody's mother) died Dec. 17, 1897. Mrs. Moody was born in Andover, Mass., June 28, 1867. After graduating from the village schools she took private lessons in elocution in Andover and was a very popular speaker in all the local gatherings. She joined the Methodist church in 1886, and wherever her husband has been located she has always been a valuable

helper. Mr. and Mrs. Moody have the following children: George, born Nov. 28, 1890, in Orange, Mass.; Helen, born Dec. 14, 1892; Sarah, born Aug. 10, 1894, in Alton, Me., died Nov. 27, 1898, at Edmunds, Me.; Dwight L., born Sept. 14, 1897, in Edmunds, Me.; Robert Earl, born in South Worthington, Mass., March 30, 1901. By a fall in the schoolhouse yard in South Worthington Helen sustained injuries that have brought on a hip trouble, but it is expected that she will completely recover.

In closing our church history we regret that we have not the space to give more details of everyone who has helped the church, as we wish we could somehow make each one feel their worth and what it means to them and to the community in which they live to have a church—and to generously support it.



REV. AND MRS. GEORGE R. MOODY



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## Chapter II.—*Deeds*

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In 1831, William Sanderson bought of Luther Pomeroy about ninety feet square, bounded on the north by Luther Pomeroy; on the east by same; on the south by Horace Cole; on the west by the highway. In 1840 Asa Niles sold to William Sanderson, on the highway nearly opposite his barn, running west nine and three-fourths rods, south thirteen rods, east and northerly to said beginning.

In 1847, William Sanderson sold to William Cole, Asa Niles, Martin Conwell of Worthington, Consider and John Cole of Chesterfield, Lewis Smith of Norwich, Isaac Thrasher of Chester, for forty-five dollars; beginning on the west side of the road leading from Rev. Asa Niles' to the old Methodist church nearly opposite of said William Sanderson's house and about ten feet east from the southeast corner of a blacksmith shop, thence running southwesterly on the line of a stone wall one hundred twenty feet to a line of John Sanderson's land; southeasterly eighty feet to the north or westerly line of said road, thence northeasterly on the line of said road to first mentioned bound, about one hundred and forty-three feet; one-quarter of an acre.

In 1846, Asa Niles sold to John Sanderson, beginning at the northwest corner of the land of William Sanderson, thence running westerly to a certain rock situated in the stone wall on the highway, being the highest natural rock in said wall and about twenty rods from said meeting-house, thence the same course, crossing the highway and the mill stream to the westerly bank of the same, thence southerly on the said bank to the old highway leading to Harvey Dewey's dwelling house, thence easterly crossing said stream on the old highway to land of William Sanderson, thence northerly on land of William Sanderson to first mentioned bound.

In 1848 John Sanderson deeded to Jonathan Sanderson, reserving what he had deeded to the M. E. Society.

Jonathan and John Sanderson exchanged deeds in 1851, which read as follows: Beginning northwest corner of William Sanderson's

land, run westerly to a rock in the wall by the highway, being the highest natural point in said wall and about twenty rods westerly of the Methodist Society's old meeting-house, thence northerly on the land of said M. E. Society and land of William Sanderson to first mentioned bound; containing two acres more or less.

The deed of the property below the horse-sheds, of same date, reads: Beginning eight feet northerly of a small horse-shed on land of the old meeting-house lot, thence running easterly fourteen rods to stakes and stones by the stone wall, thence southerly seven rods to beech tree, southerly eight rods to south bank of Mill Brook, westerly on south side of brook in line of Elijah Willis and other land to the Methodist land, northerly to the first mentioned bound, (Rev. Asa Niles owned the land on the west; the Methodist land was the parsonage, Mrs. Adams' land).

In 1856 Jonathan Sanderson deeded to Charles Smith (book 166, page 514), commencing at the northeast corner of same at stake and stone and at the northwest corner of William Sanderson's land, thence westerly to a rock situated in the stone wall on the highway, being the highest natural rock in said wall, about twenty rods from Methodist old meeting-house, being used by Tyler Smith as a dwelling house, thence in the same direction across the highway and Mill stream to the westerly bank of said stream, thence southerly on said bank to the old highway leading to the dwelling house of Asa Niles, thence easterly across the stream on the old highway to the land of the Methodist church; northerly on the land of said society and land of William Sanderson to the first mentioned bound; reserving *the land conveyed by John Sanderson* to the M. E. Society and that taken for the highway, and also whatever right had been acquired by the owners of four horse-sheds now standing on said land.

We have failed to find the number of feet which John Sanderson deeded to our church. It is evident that it was a flatiron piece, to be seen between the old wall and the new. He received a pew in the church in exchange for same.



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## Chapter III.—*Membership in South Worthington Church*

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MARTHA D. ANGEL, 1801; Rufus H. Adams, Lora P. Adams, 1802, Irving Burk, 1807; Sarah R. Converse, 1803; Sarah A. Converse, Lillian Converse, 1868; Z. H. Hancock, 1870; Idella C. Hale, 1802; C. W. Smith, Flavia E. Smith, 1874; Mrs. Mary E. Smith; Mary Taylor, 1874; Sarah A. Moody, 1800. Probationers: H. Clayton Smith, 1901; Lucy I. Cole, 1902.

Officers of the South Worthington Church, 1904: Rev. G. R. Moody, pastor. Stewards—A. G. Drake, R. H. Adams, Z. H. Hancock, Lora Adams, C. W. Smith, R. Drake, Flavia Smith (7). Trustees—A. G. Drake, Z. H. Hancock, R. H. Adams, C. W. Smith, L. H. Converse (5). Benevolent Committee—Lora Adams, Gertrude Smith, Effie Higgins, Eva Converse, Nellie Smith (5). The Parsonage Furniture Committee—Hattie Hescock, Lora Adams, Eva Converse, Emma Cole, Ida Johnson (5). Music Committee—Lora Adams, Gaston Smith, Nellie Smith, Z. H. Hancock (4). Estimating Committee—A. G. Drake, Rufus Adams, C. W. Smith (3).

The Stewards are responsible for the church work of all kinds. It is their duty to be present and assist the pastor in every possible way. The Trustees have charge of the church property of all kinds, seeing that it is kept in repair and ready for use. The Benevolent committee are to assist the pastor in the collection of benevolences which are assessed upon the church, and to advise him how to procure the same. Our benevolences for 1904 were as follows, and payable in April, 1905: Missions, \$20; Presiding Elder, \$20; Bishop, \$4; Conference Claimants, \$9; Freedman's Aid, \$9; Church Extension, \$9; Education, \$3; General Conference, \$4.

The following vote was passed by the church in Feb., 1904:

*Resolved.* That whereas Mr and Mrs. P. L. Smith are to leave us we, the members of the South Worthington church, through our quarterly conference, hereby express our sincere thanks for their faithful service, and while we view the future with anxiety, knowing that the place made vacant cannot be filled, we hope that they will ever pray for their former home and remember the church wherever they may go. By their precept and example, which we appreciate, we will do the best for our Master, knowing that when God shall reward us, it will be to sit with his children in his kingdom.

And on March 20, 1904, the membership passed this resolve:

The official board of the South Worthington Methodist Episcopal church desire, in behalf of the membership, to take this method of expressing its appreciation of the service which has been rendered to the church by Rev. George R. Moody. From the ashes of our own parsonage there has risen another substantial and convenient building, a suitable home for the pastors who shall labor among us in the future. While recognizing the generous giving and labor of our own people and gratefully acknowledging the assistance of outside friends, we realize that but for the faithful leadership and heroic labors of Mr. Moody the present completed parsonage would have been impossible.

Signed, MARY E. SMITH, Secretary.

The finances of the church are looked after by the financial committee consisting of A. G. Drake, R. H. Adams, Mrs. Eva Converse. The collectors in the church are, A. G. Drake, R. H. Adams, The ushers, Laforest Converse, Walter Meacham, Fred Drake, Cleveland Smith, Maurice Smith, Homer Granger and Clayton Smith.



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## Chapter IV.—*Parsonage and Vestry*

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SOUTH WORTHINGTON is a small hamlet situated on Little River, an arm of the Westfield River, nine miles from Huntington depot, B & A R. R., one of the finest drives in the State of Massachusetts. The road ascends so gradually, except in four places, one would not realize they were going up one thousand feet above the level of the sea. The highest point, about two thousand feet above the sea level, is in West Worthington. Here is a fine section for mineral hunters. Within ten miles of our church over twenty different kinds can be found. A great variety of flowers are also to be found here. The scenery is not surpassed anywhere in the world. The hills are lined with rocks and maple trees. Sugar orchards are plentiful, and the streams abound in trout. Certainly ours are most picturesque surroundings.

At first the ministers lived in different places. In 1837 John Pomeroy bought the house where Sarah Adams now lives, and sold it to Rev Ephraim Scott, who deeded it to the following men who were trustees: Horace Cole, Ebenezer Cole, Consider Cole, Samuel Cole, Elkanah Ring, Elijah Cole, Amos Cole, Martin Conwell, John Pomeroy,

Ephraim Miller, Elijah Higgins, Elijah Willis, John Taylor, for the sum of three hundred and ten dollars. In the year 1849 the people decided to build a better home for the minister. Elijah Willis gave the land upon which the house now stands, for a parsonage, deeding it to John Pomeroy and Asa Merritt for the purpose of building thereon. The price paid for land was fifty dollars. By Dec. 1, 1850, the house was completed and at that time deeded to the Wesleyan Methodist Society for the sum of seven hundred dollars. From 1850 to 1890 the building was used for a parsonage, being burned in February of the latter year. At the time it was burned it was occupied by Eugene Johnson and wife, and they lost many of their household goods. The building was a total loss, there being no insurance on the same.

May 1, 1890, Rev. Mr. Moody, whose people live in Andover, Mass., was sent to South Worthington by Presiding Elder Knowles of Springfield District. A more discouraged people it would be hard to find. South Worthington is a community five miles from any other place, a farming section by itself, with two basket factories, a pen-holder shop, and a sawmill. These people without a pastor would



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not go to church anywhere, and surely were in need of a preacher. There was no house for a preacher to live in. They had one hundred and thirty-five dollars signed for preaching, but did not know how they could pay even one. Mr. Moody being a man who understood human nature, possessing energy and faith in the old-fashioned methods of work with divine help, and fully believing that things could be changed, set himself to the task of persuading the people to undertake the work that needed to be done. He visited the people and propounded the question to each, "Can we build a parsonage?" The answer always was, "We are too poor." Mr. Moody looked over the lot with its two hundred bushels of ashes, prayed and pondered long and at last conceived the plans which have been successfully carried out. After two weeks of planning he laid the matter before the presiding elder, who, approving of his views, assured Mr. Moody that he would stand behind him, and advised him to go ahead. To this word of cheer the people of South Worthington owe much. Mr. Moody persuaded the people at the West end of the town to give trees standing in the woods for the barn. To such men as P. L. Smith, Z. H. Hancock, C. W. Smith and many others due credit must be given, for it took the combined efforts of each and all to accomplish the ends sought. The first man approached offered four trees, but being unable to assist in the cutting, the minister accomplished that task alone. In cutting the fourth tree it lodged in another, so the brother gave five trees, saying that this was all the minister would get; but Mr. Moody kept right on and ere twelve months went by, with the help of friends of that section, over sixteen thousand feet of lumber was ready for the new parsonage. Meanwhile the people at the South end were being lead to the great work before them. On August 27th five men with the minister cut birch for the floors and basswood for clapboards. From this day and as often as possible the minister, with as many helpers as he could get, would be found on the hillsides, cutting trees here and there until over thirty-five thousand feet of lumber had been hauled from the South end to the mill, where it was in time prepared for the new parsonage.

When we were in the midst of this work Mrs. Blair's house was burned. Mrs. Blair, a poor lone widow living on the hillside, is the only Baptist in our community, and toward her the sympathy of the whole farming district went out. On the Sunday following the memorable night, the people all came to hear what the minister had to say regarding this unfortunate woman, who in so short a time had

gained the pity of everyone. The older members asked him not to preach, but advise them what they should do to help this poor widow in her loss. Mr. Moody recommended that they build her a house, for with a home she would be able to care for herself. A committee of nine men and women were chosen and all with one accord said that they would help if the minister would lead. He did not back down, and after talking the matter over with his people it was decided that on the next Friday they would gather for a bee. Mr. Moody announced that he would be on hand to greet them all. One of the leading men rose early, and did his chores so as to have the laugh on the minister. By some strange chance the minister also was astir bright and early. When the good brother came around the turn in the road, whistling, and believing he was the only one upon the spot, he was greeted by the hearty "Good morning" of the minister, who was standing on a rock waiting the first arrivals of the day. Of course the brother was very much surprised. The joke was too good to be kept, so the man's wife had to tell of it. Twenty-eight men and fourteen pairs of horses came to this bee. It hardly needs to be said that every man did his best, for when the sun went down behind the western hills, fourteen thousand feet of lumber had been cut, and nine thousand drawn to the mill. The ladies of this committee canvassed the town and the men worked, so that shortly a house seventeen by thirty feet was erected on the spot where the old one had stood. When the floors were being laid Mrs. Blair moved in. People far and near made her presents of all sorts of necessary housekeeping articles; in fact everybody gladly contributed to the success of the undertaking. Four hundred and fifty-eight dollars represents the labor and material put into its construction. We think that no other community can boast of such a work as this.

After providing for Mrs. Blair, the people again turned their thoughts toward the parsonage; they rallied around the minister, and each day, when possible, the sound of hammers were heard. The lumber and labor were given; money was raised in various ways. Under the leadership of the minister, the people entertained two excursions brought to town by the Rev. Dr. R. H. Conwell of Philadelphia, the proceeds of which netted the parsonage fund \$339. Doctor Conwell gave \$50, about \$125 was given locally, and \$300 by the Church Aid. From other small subscriptions, and the use of the Autograph Album about \$1,600 has been raised. Mr. Moody has



come in touch with over two thousand people who have contributed all the way from five cents to fifty dollars. His charging ten cents each to write names in the album has netted the enterprise about \$175. Mr. Moody has never done any work or bought any material that he was not sure of paying for, so the work was somewhat delayed. He was also his own architect. Over one ton of nails were used. The house is twenty-two by twenty-eight feet, the "L" eighteen by thirty-two feet; the barn twenty-four by thirty feet. By having a "lean-to" of twelve feet on the "L," a vestry has been made which gives a room twenty-six by thirty feet. It has a front entrance of five steps into the basement. The main house has a parlor, sitting-room, bedroom and entry on the first floor, with two sleeping-rooms and study on the second floor. In the "L" are provided a dining-room, kitchen, two large sideboards, with a bedroom and bathroom upstairs. The kitchen and dining-rooms are fitted with all modern equipments. These rooms are finished in cherry; the rest of the down-stairs rooms in quartered oak; front entry and stairs in black ash. Every window in the building was paid for by some individual. Every window and door has on it the donor's name. The steel ceiling was put up in the vestry in the spring of 1903, and at last the work was completed. We have a vestry twenty-six by thirty feet and a kitchen twelve by eighteen feet, giving to the Society a fine room for social life. The cost of the vestry was \$650. It was dedicated August 11, 1903, when speakers that would bring helpful messages to the people were selected, and all had a great mental and spiritual uplift. It may never be our pleasure to have another such opportunity of hearing distinguished doctors, lawyers, politicians and ministers as was given on that day. Each one brought suggestions that ought to prove very helpful in life's journey. The labor in preparing and getting the lumber (the pick of this section) to the spot was worth \$600. The building could not have been finished but for the gift of lumber. The minister and his family being obliged to move in, they were on July 14, 1901, found making use of the "L," and as fast as the other rooms were finished they were occupied. The minister's wife is deserving of much praise for the patience and the helpfulness which she displayed toward her husband during these years of labor.

When the work of lathing was hanging heavily upon the minister's hands, he called for a ladies' bee, and lo, the ladies turned out and of course the men came too, and the work was quickly done. Over

twenty tons of plastering was used. The mason boasted to his boss in Westfield that the minister was the best tender he ever had. The next time the minister preached in Westfield this man very pleasantly surprised him by giving him five dollars towards the parsonage. One morning when the minister was discouraged, at family prayers he asked God to show him some visible token that this was his work. He went to work on the parsonage and in about an hour one of the members came and gave him a five dollar bill and told the minister to go to the mill and get a thousand shingles. Surely God answers prayer. The minister's wife collected \$32 for carpets. Mrs. P. L. Smith collected \$17 for curtains and also the money to furnish the spare bedroom, and \$3 toward papering. Henry Eddy gave the vestry stove. The Trinity church gave \$170 and Doctor Hardy of New York City \$10. A friend in Dalton gave \$50.

A list of the contributors of money, labor and material is given below. We count a man's time fifteen cents an hour and a pair of horses at twenty cents. We are aware of the disadvantage that we labor under in this, but it seems to be the best basis on which we can reckon.

1899	CASH RECEIVED	1901	
Sept. 16 Concert	\$9.60	Jan. 9 Church Aid	\$33.78
Old iron	.25	13 Parkman St. Church	.10
Nov. 25 Good Templars	.50	Feb. 13 C. E. Society	.02
Dec. 4 R. H. Conwell	.50 .00	F. Cole	.45
9 C. K. Brewster	.50	Church Aid	.18 .14
Total for 1899	\$69.85	April 3 Church Aid	.50 .85
		5 L. Converse	.00
1900		10 Church Aid	.50 .44
June 16 Judge Conwell	.55 .00	14 Wilbraham Church	.50
27 Excursion and album	130 .05	28 Maple St. Church, Lynn	14.00
28 Auction	.00 .70	May 2 O. S. Pomeroy	.50
Aug. 25 F. B. Allen	.00	7 Mrs. Hilliard	.00
Mrs. Allen	.50	12 Mrs. E. Higgins	.00
Sept. 17 Mrs. Linddington	.50	19 Misses Converse	.00
Mrs. Treadway	.00	Mr. Ormsby	.00
20 Drake Family Reunion	10.00	A. G. Drake	.00
Oct. 10 Church Aid	44.71	C. W. Smith	.00
27 Church Aid	10.00	23 Mrs. Angel and Son	.00
Nov. 11 J. P. Moon	5.00	25 C. Carrington	.00
28 Church Aid	49.00	July 6 Excursion and album	216.01
15 Mr. Bishop	.50	24 Henry Benton	.48
23 Church Aid	23.54	16 George Beals	.00
Collection	.70	Aug. 21 John Pease	.00
28 Misses Nichols	8.00	22 Home Coming	.54 .04
19 Church Aid	43.60	Sept. 25 Lecture	.12 .00
Total for 1900	\$404.30	28 Z. H. Hancock	.40



Sept	8	Album Souvenir	\$2.00	Received by years —		Nov.	8	Paid on bill (windows) \$75.00 Freight on windows 10.27	Sept.	28	Lock Lumber	\$1.00	
Oct.	22	Floratus Bisbee Collection for Ins	5.00	1899 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904	869.83 404.30 579.20 130.20 332.11 72.99	Oct.	10	F. Converse, work 10.00 Saw bill (Higgins) 14.88 Sink pipe, pump 23.54 Four bbls lime 6.00 Insurance on church 2.05	Sept.	29	Secong and moulding John Tedford Rope and R. R. fare 2.97 Hooks and latches .50	5.00 2.20 10.00 .50	
Dec.	8	For lock Album	1.00			Dec.	10	Paid on bill (doors) 43.00 W. Smith, work 10.00 Saw bill (Benton) 20.00	Oct.	4	H. Eddy, bill Oil	12.00 .55	
		Total for 1901	\$579.20	Total	\$1588.05					Screens and doors 6.75 Hinges and lock 1.15 One gal. tiling 1.50 Hinges, screws, nails .76	6.75 1.15 1.50 .76		
1902				1899 CASH PAID OUT		Jan.	9	Final payment doors and windows 849.94 Screws and pulleys 71 Glass 2.50 Carfare .85 Box wood 2.25 Saw bill (Damon) 1.00 Pump, vestry 2.50 Iron caps .46	Jan.	13	Two vestry windows 20.55 Insurance 5.10 Four bbls lime 6.00 Freight on doors .31 Two doors and glass 5.65	14.50 20.55 5.10 6.00 .31 5.65	
Jan.	2	Church Aid	\$24.94	1900 Jan. 21 Brick \$19.25		April	28	L. Converse, work 35.00 Bill (F. Cole) 4.50 W. Smith, work 26.00	Dec.	24	Lumber 11.08 Saw bill (Higgins) 3.00	11.08 3.00	
		Three posts 4.05 Four bundles hair 1.00		31 Nails 15.65						Total for 1901	\$561.70		
April	23	A. G. Drake Church Aid	3.00	April Pipe receiver and ash box 2.40		Feb.	11	Bill (F. Cole) 4.50 W. Smith, work 26.00	Jan.	13	H. Stanton, lumber 22.40 Paint and turpentine 1.60 Four latches and hook .70	22.40 1.60 .70	
May	26	Lecture (J. D. Pickles) Paper	7.00	One bbl. lime 1.50		Mar.	11	200 lbs. of lead 11.25			Three gaws filed .65	.65	
July	4	Ice Cream Material given	.40	One gal. oil 7.5		April	4	L. Converse, work 20.70 W. Smith, work 23.40			Gladwin's bill 2.50	2.50	
		Labor 5.00		Brush .60		May	2	O. S. Ponteroy, lumber 5.00 H. Stanton, lumber 5.20	Feb.	8	Oliver & Howland 3.51 Knee to sink pipe .45	3.51 .45	
		Profit 8.92		Saw bill (Higgins) 5.00					Mar.	10	L. Converse, work 4.50 Four bundles lath 1.00	4.50 1.00	
Aug.	19	Received	30.78	Two kegs of nails 5.10							One lb. paint .10	.10	
Sept.	12	Rev. R. H. Conwell	14.00	Paint 1.22							Six ft. finish, pk brads .25	.25	
		1 John Fellows 5.00		July 12 Six saws filed 1.50							W. Smith, work 1.00	1.00	
Oct.	3	Received	16	Windows 2.25							Two lbs. nails .10	.10	
		Total for 1902	\$130.20	Glass .50							Grass seed .05	.05	
1903				Stove pipe 2.05							Ten lbs. nails .40	.40	
Jan.	10	Dr. Hardy	\$10.00	Cherry paint .90							Turning blocks 1.80	1.80	
	19	C. E. Society	7.00	Filling .75							Twenty lbs. nails 1.00	1.00	
		Album 3.84		Brush .75							John Eddy 28.00	28.00	
Mar.	19	Mr. Bryant	1.00	Five gals. oil .60							Repairs on wagon 1.00	1.00	
	23	Cooley Bros	5.00	Freight Vestry posts 85							Turning blocks 11.50	11.50	
		21 Church Aid 106.73		Seventeen lbs. nails 4.5							John Yale, lumber 3.00	3.00	
April	1	Ex. Gov. Crane	50.00	Seven doz. pulleys 2.50							Hinges and nails .80	.80	
July		Mrs. Thayer 5.00		Aug. 10 Nails and paper per bill 22.40							Nails 2.50	2.50	
	16	O. S. Ponteroy 2.00		Work on logs 3.00							F. P. Stanton 8.00	8.00	
Aug.	23	W. H. Niles 10.00		Sept. 12 Saw bill (Ball) 7.40									
		D. L. Prentiss 5.00		25 One bbl. oil 25.77									
		Misses Converse 2.00		One bbl. lime 1.50									
		Rev. C. R. Sherman 3.00		Freight on hardware .31									
Sept.	5	A. Cole 8.00		Oct. 1 Lumber 3.00									
		Material 1.40		Insurance 2.50									
Aug.		Home Coming 1903 110.53		Barn door rollers 1.50									
		For two chairs 1.60		8 Hardware 44.71									
		Total for 1903	\$332.11	Four bundles lath 1.20									
1904				Work on chimney 3.25									
May		P. L. Smith 50.94		Lime and hair 13.00									
Aug.	17	Home Coming \$104.05 less \$42 paid to church 62.05		Pipe receiver .85									
		Received two subscriptions 10.00		Freight on doors 2.5									
		Total for 1904	\$72.99										



Sept.	13	E. Stanton	\$7.20	Towards Ins. 1904	\$0.50	Maurice Smith	\$1.05	L. Higgins	\$7.50
		Draw handles	1.60	Papering, 1904	7.86	A. Thrasher	11.15	M. Stetson	
Nov.	3	Hinges	.45	Expense of dedication	7.75	E. Thrasher	1.20	A. Dodge	3.65
		One pint dryer	.15	Seventy-five ft. lumber	1.38	E. Col.	11.85	George Thrasher	.12
Dec.	23	Hinges	.45	11. Eddy's bill	16.00	W. Anable	1.48	Mr. Angevine	.12
		1 Roller for small door	1.00	Gladwin's hill	47.02	C. Petty	1.05	F. Damon	14.73
		Screws and oil	.80	Stanton's bill	11.15	R. Pomroy	3.85		
		Rouling		Rouling	26.00	S. Pomroy	1.20		
						L. Mayhew	2.10	H. L. Higgins	10.30
						J. Withers	44.00	Milton Billings	7.47
						J. Percevalle	15.00	J. M. Billings	7.06
1903						W. Smith	6.70	A. Billings	3.46
Jan.	17	H. Eddy	\$0.10	23 O.S. Pomroy, lumber	\$0.25	G. T. Dodge	9.84	R. Lyman	2.10
				1800	2.25	H. Gooch	7.00	E. Cross	1.50
		26 Two dampers, Two lbs.		1000	431.13	B. Drake	3.75	P. Cady	
		nails	.70	1400	561.70	A. Drake	1.20	George McCrea	14.31
Feb.	4	Six snaps	.48	1000	135.00	F. Kinnic	1.05	Murray Brown	2.55
		5 Lumber	1.00	1903	202.32	Angel Bros	8.75	E. Bush	8.72
		Sawing lumber	1.25	1004	110.81	A. Ormudry	1.85	F. Robinson	4.05
		Hauling lumber	1.00	Dishes	19.13	R. Drake	10.94	P. Skelton	3.15
		8 Two lbs nails	.10			A. Drake	1.20	J. N. Yale	7.48
Mar.	21	One piece pipe	1.75	Total received	\$1,585.40	Geo. Pease	2.40	J. Yale	1.15
		27 Glass	3.33	Total expended	1,588.65	W. Meacham	1.35	L. Stone	16.20
		31 Steel ceiling	94.00			R. Meacham	3.00	Mr. Torrey	9.77
April	10	Freight on ceiling	8.15	Balance	\$3.25	A. Meacham	1.15	R. Tower	8.70
		Paid for putty	.40	Received from cloth sold	2.00	C. Thayer	2.5	C. Sylvester	5.20
		23 Blinds and freight	30.92			C. Carrington	.08	B. Stone	5.05
		Keg nails	2.80	Balance for chairs	\$5.25	E. Cowing	1.05	L. M. Pierce	2.41
May	1	Eddy's bill	32.66	Amount of labor and material given:		F. Parker	.75	E. Buxton	9.05
		1926 ft cherry	23.11	P. L. Smith & Son	\$484.25	Wal. Higgins	.60	A. Thayer	3.40
		Paint	1.55	G. R. Moody	677.39	T. K. Higgins	33.14	Mr. Barnes	1.46
		Brush	.30	Z. H. Hancock	123.80	Rev. E. Small	30	H. Bowman	6.85
		Paint for blinds	3.00	A. G. Drake	22.85	W. Wade	7.10	M. Parish	2.18
		Screws and nails	.65	Irving Pomroy	.75	J. Tedford	6.05	J. Stearns	5.40
June	25	Five lbs nails and lead	.80	Mr. Warren	.31	Misses Converse	9.01	F. Ball	7.70
		Iron bolts	1.5	Rufus Adams	16.04				
		Moulding	.43	L. Converse	21.08				
		C Bates, work	15.00	Horace Converse	5.11				
		J. Rechon, work	8.40	Marshall Smith	80.04				
		L. Converse, work	32.25	Ernest Fay	3.15				
		Putting in pump and		M. Todd	10.15				
		pipe		Lewis Pease	3.00				
		One gal. turpentine	7.24	Alvin Pease	.93				
		and nails	2.08	A. Freeman	28.73				
		Lumber	3.30	L. Granger	21.75				
		Gasoline stove	8.00	Irving Burk	1.20				
		Door stools (iron)	1.20	Hescock & Johnson	32.95				
Sept.	1	Cherry lumber	3.82	H. Higgins	24.67				
		11 750 ft spruce lumber	7.50	J. Anable	2.00				
				C. W. Smith	108.30				
		Total for 1903	\$202.32	Cly Smith	.59				
				Tra Raymond	.05				
		1904	\$0.65	Gaston Smith	2.19				
		Hooks							
		Insurance							

The following persons attended the Ladies' Bee: Mrs. Blair, Mrs. H. Higgins, Mrs. Elzina Cowing, Mrs. Marshall Smith, Mrs. Idi Johnson, Mrs. Hattie Hescock and Mrs. Mary Smith.

At the first Quarterly Conference held in South Worthington June 9, 1899, Rev. J. O. Knowles, Presiding Elder, was in the chair. The old parsonage having burned Feb. 2, 1899, (it had been used about fifty years), it was deemed advisable to choose a Building Committee to see what could be done for a parsonage and if possible build one. P. L. Smith, A. G. Drake, Laforest Converse, Rev. G. R. Moody, Manly Stetson and Russell Tower were chosen members of this committee to represent West Worthington interest. The first meeting was called for July 8, 1899, but it being rainy it was postponed until July 15th, when the committee met at P. L. Smith's



house, P. L. Smith, G. R. Moody, L. Converse, A. G. Drake and M. Stetson being present. The meeting was opened with prayer. P. L. Smith was chosen chairman and G. R. Moody, secretary. After much discussion Mr. Moody was appointed to see if Mrs. Burk's house could be bought, and report at the next meeting. Voted to adjourn.

The next meeting was held July 20th at P. L. Smith's house, P. L. Smith, A. G. Drake, L. Converse, M. Stetson and G. R. Moody being present. Opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Moody reported that Mrs. Burk's house could not be bought, but C. Thayer's could be had for one thousand dollars. It was thought better to build. After much discussion voted to adjourn until next Wednesday evening, Aug. 2d. Appointed Mr. Moody to invite Rev. Dr. Conwell to be present. Mr. Conwell, unable to come, sent words of encouragement. Rejected all motions to buy. Voted to build the main house to be twenty-two by twenty-eight feet, "L" eighteen by thirty-two feet, and the outside of the vestry thirty by thirty-two feet. Barn twenty-four by thirty feet. Voted that P. L. Smith and Mr. Moody prepare plans. Voted to adjourn to the call of the secretary.

August 19th the committee met, P. L. Smith, A. G. Drake, L. Converse and G. R. Moody present. After fully discussing the plans presented by Mr. Moody, it was voted to change the back door to the end of the piazza, also to have piazza across the front and side of the main house. The cost of material was estimated to be twelve hundred and fifty-eight dollars; labor on same eight hundred; total two thousand and fifty-eight dollars, with what lumber would be given; estimated the cost of house in cash, five hundred dollars, and vestry two hundred dollars, making a total material and cash value of twenty-seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars. Rev. Mr. Moody was instructed to go ahead and see what could be done. Adjourned to the call of secretary.

Met at the parsonage Sept. 10, 1900, P. L. Smith, L. Converse and G. R. Moody present. Voted to have stained glass in the vestry and to give the people in South Worthington an opportunity to pay

for some of the doors and windows. Committee met Sept. 24, 1900 P. L. Smith, A. G. Drake, L. Converse and G. L. Moody present. Voted G. R. Moody and P. L. Smith authority to buy whatever was needed. Voted to insure the parsonage for \$1000. The committee met at P. L. Smith's house May 9, 1901, P. L. Smith, A. G. Drake, L. Converse, R. H. Adams and G. R. Moody being present, Z. H. Hancock and H. Stetson absent. At the spring Quarterly Conference R. H. Adams and Z. H. Hancock had been added to the Building Committee. The reports of the previous meetings were approved. Committee reported that they had insured the church and parsonage for \$1000 each; reported \$724.61 raised, and \$701.82 paid out; amount of labor to Feb. 1, 1901, \$1,166.19. Voted that it was a reasonable request to ask the community to pay for the plastering. Mr. Smith and Mr. Moody were selected to look after this matter.

Committee met Jan. 13, 1903, at the parsonage, P. L. Smith, A. G. Drake, L. Converse and G. R. Moody present, Messrs. Hancock, Adams and Stetson absent. The report of progress on the parsonage was accepted. Mr. Moody presented plans No. 2647 and 2648 in regard to the vestry, and it was voted that Mr. Moody make a contract for same if he could do no better. Voted to see about the cost of putting on the ceiling, and if possible have it done with the means at hand, if not to do the best he could. Voted to buy lumber, and as soon as the money could be obtained to buy nine dozen chairs, stove pipe and desk.

At a meeting held in the spring of 1904 the committee made an itemized report, which was accepted and is elsewhere printed. Everyone in our community was in some way identified in this enterprise. Some whose names are not printed helped in the excursions and Home Comings which required much toil and labor, and we give them hearty commendation. In closing our history of the parsonage we want everybody to feel that everything that was done by them in anyway was appreciated, and to assure them that they have the sincere thanks of the committee who toiled in their behalf.



*PLATE C*



1 Dr. and Mrs. Conwell

2 Dr. Conwell's Home

3 Academy

4 Gymnasium Hall

5 Interior Hall

6 Dr. Conwell's Farmhouse

7 Castle Place



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## Chapter V.—*Rev. Russell H. Conwell, LL.D.*

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MONG those who have been born here and received the uplifting influences of our hills, vales, rocks and woods, and the discussions of the fireside of a mountain home, is the noble and generous Russell H. Conwell. We do not presume to write a history of this noble man of God, for already three such books have come from able writers, but do want to add our mite for the encouragement of our own. Doctor Conwell was born in the Red house on the hillside Feb. 15, 1843, at the very time the people were discussing the problem of leaving the mother church. How much these questions had to do with his life we can not tell. The house was built by Theodore Drake and sold to William Jackson, then to John Pomeroy, who sold to Martin Conwell in 1836. Here he began his married life, while over at the brook to the west he had spent his childhood days. Martin Conwell was no dreamer, but a good old-fashioned New England Yankee. He loved his town, his people, his church; he did his best for his boys. His home was ruled in respect for his God and with a motive of doing his best for his children and mankind. No words can half speak the praises of the parents of this man. Any man should be proud to have been born in such a home, surrounded by such scenery. It should make any wicked man repent of his sins. The very atmosphere should make us sing. Doctor Conwell takes his poetical and oratorical gifts from his mother, while richly endowed by nature from both parents. His father tilled the soil, sold eggs and butter until he felt that he was not getting his just due; then he started selling butter and eggs for himself and others. While other boys wore cowhide boots, sometimes his father gave to Russell calfskin, and when the new pair came the other boys wished theirs were like them. He went to school as other boys, influenced by preachers, teachers and thousands of little things that go to make life real.

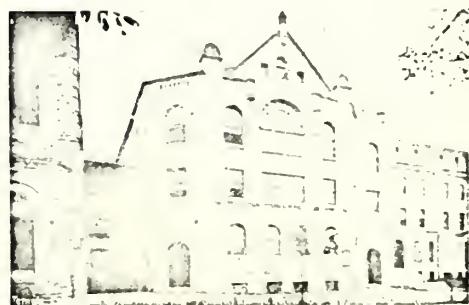
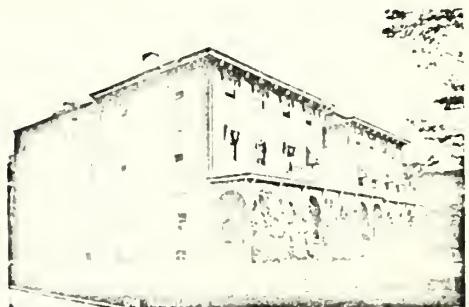
Going to school, working on the farm, teaching school, going to war, travelling the world around, practicing law, and best of all converted to God. Called to preach the Gospel means education of the

best kind; such Doctor Conwell received, and in these last days digging stones and building dams, making halls and doing something to make labor, giving happiness, cheering words and such like,—all this he can claim as his aim. Such toils, although the hardest kind, yet they refresh the soul and give courage to go on in life's journey.

Doctor Conwell married for his first wife Jennie P. Hayden, March 8, 1865, who was born in 1844 and died January 11, 1872, leaving a son and a daughter to a father's care. By his second wife, Sarah F. Sanborn, whom he married April 23, 1873, he has had one daughter who married Alfred Barker of Philadelphia. She was suddenly called from earthly scenes, leaving father and mother lonely. As a lecturer Doctor Conwell's services are in great demand. He is the author of nineteen books. As a lawyer he has given free advice to the poor, and as a reporter, has been sent around the world. As a soldier he was captain of his company, and lieutenant-colonel as a staff officer. In 1877 he began to preach the Gospel, and was ordained in 1879. He labored in Lexington, Mass., where he found a dilapidated old Baptist church. Just imagine Russell H. Conwell thinking of the salvation of men, feeling the power of God on earth, believing in Heaven, and you have a man that would laugh at hard times. No wonder that he took a pickax to dig down the old building Ere night came he had eight hundred dollars in sight for a new church. The people soon caught the spirit and the old church revived, resurrected from the ashes by faith. He served this church until 1882. In the fall of that year he went to Philadelphia. Of his labors there my readers have heard much and can learn more by reading "The Modern Temple and Templars," by R. J. Burdette, or "Life of Russell H. Conwell," by Albert H. Smith.

See Illustrations: Plate C, No. 4, Dr. and Mrs. Conwell on the piazza. No. 2, their summer home. No. 3, the Academy, upper part of which was the old Methodist church built in 1828. Doctor Conwell bought it of Isaac Thrasher's heirs and raised it up and built the Academy room below, where he has done much to give our boys and girls a start in an academic course. No. 4 shows the hall







at the rear of the Academy, which he gives the Grange the use of for their meetings, and here also the Home Comings are held. No. 5, the inside of the hall, which has a seating capacity of 800. Its dimensions are 30 by 65 feet. No. 6, is the farmhouse where Doctor Conwell and his numerous friends are given three good meals a day during the summer. In 1787 this farm of 149 acres, consisting of lot 227 and the gorge in the southeast part of the town, was bought by Eleazar Ring, of Selah Barnard. He mortgaged the land to Ezra Starkweather, who sold a part interest to James Drake. Luther Pomeroy bought it in 1800; his son John Pomeroy was the next owner, and he sold to Rev. Asa Niles, who traded with Samuel Anable of whom Doctor Conwell secured it. Standing at the rear of the barn is the first tree grafted in this section. No. 7, Castle Place. [See No. 10, Plate 1, for history.]

#### DR. CONWELL'S WORK IN PHILADELPHIA

There are many evidences of Doctor Conwell's efforts to do good. The Old Hospital and the New show the growth of that work under his care. Believing that healing the sick is one of the elements of Christian work, he secured a house and having fitted it up it was opened to the public February 1, 1803. The hospital is incorporated and managed by trustees. The new hospital cost \$205,000 and has one hundred and three beds. During the first six months of the present year (1904) the average of sixty-six patients were treated daily. The Temple College was founded in 1887. Doctor Conwell began to teach in 1884, and the first night had seven students, the second forty, the work steadily growing. The first catalogue was issued in 1887. In 1888 there was an enrollment of five hundred and ninety students. The cornerstone of the college was laid August 10, 1893, and that year there were two thousand students. The building was dedicated in May, 1894. The courses of this institution are so varied that it would take one student ninety-six years to complete them. The building cost \$207,000. In 1904 there were 125 teachers and 4,213 students. The reader is referred to the life of R. H. Conwell by A. H. Smith for a fuller story of the college.

Doctor Conwell began his labors at the Temple on Thanksgiving Day in 1882, and in February, 1884, the membership was 571. In December, 1885, a fair was held for raising money for a new church. In 1886 the income was \$12,706.76. In September of this year, the land on which the Temple stands was secured, costing \$25,000, and \$4,948.13 raised for the building. Doctor Conwell's forty years of toil had well fitted him for the place, and God placed him here where he had a great work to be done. Ground was broken March 27, 1889, the cornerstone laid July 13, 1890, and March 1, 1891, the building was occupied. This grand edifice, costing \$355,000, is built of hewed stone, and its clear dimensions are 107 by 150 feet, with a dome ninety feet high. The iron balcony at the height of sixty feet, on special occasions is used for band concerts. The main room by the use of chairs provides a seating capacity of 4,200, and the Sunday-school room will accommodate 2,000.

In the short space we have devoted to the life and labors of this noble man we realize that we have but feebly set forth his many virtues and successes. Born among us we love to have him come here to rest. We love to honor him who "preaches the Gospel, heals the sick, and teaches the ignorant," so gifted by nature and education that he can take the acts of every life and so paint them that mankind gladly hears and thousands go away and live better lives. He delights to speak so that those lying on beds of pain can hear, and has had telephones so arranged that each might hear the message and music of God's love. Thus this man uses his power, his money, his time, and above all else himself in this work. Hundreds of noble workers gladly assist him, and deem it a great privilege even to be counted worthy to help in redeeming mankind. Reader, ere we close, let us urge you to seek God, and be counted among those who are seeking to lift mankind.



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## Chapter VI.—*William Harmon Niles, Ph.D., LL.D.*

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EVERYTHING in this world has its place and effect upon the minds of the boys and girls. However humble our home may be its influence may be far reaching in itself. It is the duty of every man and woman to make home what it should be by the true spirit of godliness. The changes of times are fast coming upon us. The age of intellect is beginning to tell. We must put aside our prejudice and take things as they are. In the world of theology there are great minds investigating. The foundation rocks are there forever. In these days they are beyond dispute. The science of the formation of the world is being worked out. The time was when men thought it at variance with religion, but as the years go by harmony is prevailing. The laws of religion given by divine commandment will of course harmonize with the true laws of nature. Our conception changes with knowledge of both. In the religious world our section is represented in a wonderful way by the Rev. Dr. Conwell, known world wide. In the scientific world we have a man whose beginning was wrought out and worked upon by the scenes of this section. He has occupied a position unknown to many of us, but he has had his sphere, and his intellect has moved its thousands, quickening many others, thus doing man and God a great service. Both of these men must be known to be understood. We have already told you about the first and now speak of the second.



WILLIAM H. NILES, PH.D., LL.D.

In the early days, the name of Niles was common. On the hill-side level with the church spire was the homestead of Ebenezer Niles, and here Asa was born in 1810. He received the education of his time and was converted by the efforts of the travelling local preacher. Mr. Niles was blessed with a remarkable memory. He married Mary A. Marcy, a lady gifted in the use of the English language, and a lover of the great natural world. Mr. Niles took up the labors of a Methodist circuit preacher, and Westhampton, Cummington, Ashfield, Square Pond, Stafford in Connecticut and also Wellington, Feeding Hills, Mass., and Northampton are the places which have felt his power. Broken in health he came back to Worthington, his native place. There his toil is yet to be seen in the noble grove and the marvelous maples which adorn several of our homes. Better still is the influence of the words he spoke to the young as well as the old. He persuaded the fathers to permit their boys and girls to go to school. He spoke to Martin Conwell, to the boy himself; in his own home he had a boy, William Harmon, born in Northampton May 18, 1838; five years older than Doctor Conwell, beginning life very near the same time in Worthington, however having one year the start of his friend Conwell.

William H. Niles' natural traits of mind were manifested in his boyhood by the collecting of minerals in which this section abounds. Often has he come home from his trips with



his pockets well filled with rocks, much to the amusement of his playmates. They knew better than to molest, however, for these were good weapons for defence. At the age of seventeen he began to teach school, teaching four consecutive winters in Worthington. The next two were spent at North Blandford, followed by one in Becket. There was always plenty to do on the farm and he performed his share. He was a student four terms at Willbraham Academy, receiving his first instruction in science from his uncle, Oliver Marcy, by whose advice he went to the Lawrence Scientific School at Harvard. Here he became a pupil of Prof. Louis Agassiz, and had such teachers as Professor Jeffries Wyman, Asa Gray, Lovering, and two courses in Mineralogy under Prof. Josiah P. Cook. He studied modern corals and fossil lamellibranch mollusks of the Mesozoic. He prepared his thesis upon Crinoids. Later he studied for six months in Illinois and Iowa. As agent for Professor Agassiz he purchased there a collection for the museum at Cambridge. Mr. Niles received his S.B. from Harvard in 1866, then entered Yale, receiving Ph.B. in 1867. Here he had such teachers as Verrill, Bush, Whitney, Gilman, Dana and Marsh, and his associates were William North Rice and Sidney I. Smith. He received his A.M. from Wesleyan University in 1870.

For ten years Mr. Niles was the lecturer on Natural Science at the Massachusetts State Institute, so that he was well known when he was invited to teach at the Technology. In 1871 he was Professor of Physical Geology and Geography. For eight years he gave instruction the second half of the year, thereby affording him the time for public lectures. He spent three summers among the Alps, and twice visited Holland. He gave courses of lectures on geology, history (Ancient and Modern), the "Atmosphere and its Phenomena," and "Physical Geography of the Land." Lectures were given in Boston, Baltimore, Wakefield, Jamaica Plain, Charlestown and Framingham with great success. He wrote several papers on Mineralogy, and in 1878 became Professor of Geology and Geography. Mr. Niles first suggested the name of Francis J. Walker and paved the way by

which he became the head of the Institute of Technology. He was for five years president of the Boston Natural History Society. He has occupied the chair of Professor of Geology in Boston University, and for the past fourteen years that chair at Wellesley College. Three times president of the Appalachian Mountain Club, twelve years president of the New England Meteorological Society, he is now president of the Lawrence School Alumni Association. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of the Geological Society of America, and of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, and a corresponding member of the New York Academy of Sciences. In 1903 he was honored with an LL.D. degree from Temple College, Philadelphia, his childhood friend being president of that institution. In 1902 at his own request he was relieved of the labor of teaching, which he had practiced for forty years, and the corporation made him Professor Emeritus of Geology.

Professor Niles has been a most interesting instructor, and always a personal friend of his students. He has a way of teaching which gives a peculiar fascination to his lectures. To be associated with him is a satisfaction and enjoyment to anyone. During these long years of service he has given instruction to thousands who have been inspired to go out into the world and do better work for mankind. Such men of such intellect to conduct our investigation of scientific life, and feeling deeply the religion of their fathers, can not lead men far astray. They will give us what they find. The world can safely trust them. Men of smaller intellect may criticise and ridicule, but be assured their ignorance only gives luster to the greater lights.

Mr. Niles was married in Cambridge, Mass., in 1869, to Helen M. Plympton.

It has been a pleasure to give our readers, although somewhat briefly, some conception of the influences that are at work in the world, going out from the lives of those who in their childhood days enjoyed the same scenes and opportunities that we do today.



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## Chapter VII.—*Some Local Genealogy*

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### GRANGER

**T**HIE word grange is French, meaning a place where grain is stored. A granger is the keeper of a grange. In England grange meant homestead or manor or some abbey, and the keeper was called granger, or the man in charge was granger. For hundreds of years the peasants were known only by their christian names, as John the smith, Rob the carpenter, etc. As late as 1381 the common people were thus named. However, about this time the upper classes were known by a surname also. Note the evolution of names, as Wat Tyler was called Wat (water) the tyler (slater), from his trade. Thus we have Richard de Granger, John de Granger, with no blood relation, which would mean that John worked at the barn and those who tended the grain would be called grangers.

Launclot Granger was born in the West of England; marrying a daughter of Robert Adams in 1664, they began housekeeping on Kent Island, Newbury, Mass. In 1648 he was taxed 4s. in Ipswich, where he was a freeman and well to do. Joanna, his wife, was born in 1634, receiving from her father one cow and a pewter tankard or bowl. Launclot, in 1674, went to Suffield, Conn., and after King Philip's war in 1678 went to live on High street. His sons, George and Thomas, had each a lot, their father in the center over a rough trail. Joanna Granger and ten children with Abraham, a baae, came here. She joined her husband to help build a new home on the banks of the Connecticut River. During King Philip's war Launclot went to Westfield, and during the Indian battle at Westfield, Oct. 27, 1675, was wounded in the leg. He died at Suffield, Conn., 1689. His son John married a Poor of Andover, Mass., and lived there. Rebecca married Joseph Wolcott and moved to North Brookfield. Robert followed her to the same place. George went to Simsbury and the rest of the children died at Suffield, Conn. (2) George h. 1668 m. Lydia Younglove, 2nd Sarah, and had ten children. The fifth son

was (3) George 1702-1796 m. (1) Ann Holcomb, (2) Abigail, (3) Lydia Martin. He lived at East Granby and his children by his first wife were born there. He then moved to what is now Southwick, where his second wife's children were born. After she died he moved to West Granville, where his third wife's children were born. He had seven children by each wife; among them Ithamar b. at Westfield (or Southwick now), d. at Chester (Murrayfield), these by his wife Jerimima. They lived at Russell and Chester. He was in the Revolutionary war and discharged in 1780. His children: Lucy 1775-1861, Daniel 1796-1872, George W. Mary.

George W. b. in Chester 1789-1847 m. Polly Adams. Moved to Chesterfield. His children: Daniel 1816-1902, George W. 1827-1875 m. Harriet Ingraham, Orin ——-1863 m. Ann Woodward, Lewis 1818-1859 m. Polly Staples, Justin ——-1863 m. Olive Alger, Henry ——, Mary —— m. Lewis Clarke.

Daniel Granger 1819-1902, (1) wife Betsey Ann Sanderson, (2) wife Sarah Bryant. Children: George 1855-1901 m. Lizzie Thrasher 1863. Her children: Maude 1880, Royce, Lewis 1864 m. Ora Smith 1865. Children: Homer 1890, Irving. Charles 1856 m. Ola Hunt, had four children. Mary 186- m. Henry Kempling, had four children. The Grangers of Chesterfield descended from George, the third son, while those in West Worthington descended from Samuel, the second son, 1668-1721, b. in Newbury, Mass., d. in Suffield, Conn., m. Ester Hanchett 1678-1721. Children: Ester 1700 m. Josiah Kent, Samuel J. 1702-1790 m. Mary Kent, Abraham 1704-1728, John 1706-1791. Wives: (1) Sarah Granger, (2) Ann Bissell, (3) Bethesda m. (1) Leavitt, (2) Bagg, Jeremiah 1708-1772 m. Thankful Hale, Robert 1710-1785 m. Ann Seymour, Deliverance 1713- —— m. Noah Kent.

Samuel 1702-1790 m. Mary Kent 1700-1775. Children: Mary 1724-1724, May 1726, Samuel 1727-8-1795 m. Michal King, Abraham 1729-1754 m. Anna Huxley, Esther 1731-1732, Esther



1732-3 m. Charles Kent, Gideon 1734-5-1800 m. Tryphosa Kent, Amos 1736-1746, Knock 1738-9-1804 m. Katherine Kent, Elijah 1744-1814 m. Mary King, Bildad 1747-8-1820 m. Hannah King, Amos 1748-1811 m. Ann Phelps.

Abraham 1729-1754 m. Ann Huxley 1733-? Lived in Suffield, Conn. Children: Orpha 1751-—m. Ebenezer Baggs, Ruth 1751-—m. Smith of Hadley, Luther 1753-1826, Abraham 1755-1755.

Luther Granger b. 1753 in Suffield, d. in Worthington 1826, m. (1) Miriam Watt 1755-1790, (2) Ruth Goodwill of Wilbraham, Mass., 1759-1851. Children born in Worthington: William 1778-1825, Clarissa 1782-1828 m. Noah Lyman, Lydia 1785-1860 m. Edward Hayward, Sally 1788-1824 m. Gen. Walter Martin. Second wife's children: Luther 1791-1876 m. Susanna Gear, (2) Persis Smith; Miriam 1792-1877 m. (1) Lathrop Edward, (2) Holland Moore, Ruth 1793-1853 m. Jonas Baldwin, Anna 1795-1865 m. Lyman White, Polly 1797-1859 m. Adam Martin, (2) Abial Gowdy; Abraham 1799-1836, John 1801-1892 m. twice, Samuel 1802-?

Abraham 1799-1836 m. Jane Adams 1707-1884. Children: t. Rebecca 1828-1902 m. Russell Tower. Their children: Celema 1867 m. Herbert Foster, Mary 1868 m. John Yale, Ruth 1870-1876.

2. Paul 1830 m. Laura M Ballou. Children: Jane 1857, Martha 1864 m. Fred Tower, Alanson 1867, Jane 1875.

3. Ruth 1833 m. Franklin J Robinson 1821-1886. Their children: Lida 1857-18-, Ernest 1850-1889, Jennie 1862-1887, Carrie 1864, John 1868 1880, Helen 1871-1877, Franklin 1873, Mary 1876 (she is called Mollie).

4. Abraham 1836 m. Rachel Zurcher. Their children: Emma 1877, Flora 1879, Charles 1882, who bought the place at West Worthington.

### ELIIS

Samuel 1739-1826, wife (1) Salla Calverly 1742-1790, (2) Dolly Tracy. Children: John 1763-1849, Samuel, Jr., 1765-1776, Margaret 1767-1851 m. Freeman, Noah 1769-1828, Salla 1771 d. young, Ebenezer 1773-1856 m. Ruth Stiles, Sally 1777-1830 m. Herrick.

Noah 1769-1828, wife Clara Webber 1775-1848. Children: Elmira, Luthenia, Clarissa m. Parker, Noah 1812, Keziah m. Phillips, Sela 1805-1871 m. Solomon Burton 1793-1838

Noah 1812-1881, wife Hannah Ellis 1812-1876. Children: John, Amelia, Sarah, Julia, Margaret, Hooker, Mary, Elizabeth, Eliza d. young.

Ebenezer 1773-1856, wife Ruth Stiles 1778-1863. Children: Samuel 1802-1875, Edward 1804-1888 m. (1) Kennedy, (2) Buchanan, Hydas 1806-1875, Harriet 1808-1839, Ashbil 1811-1811, Hannah 1812-1870, Noah Ellis 1812-1881, Ebenezer 1815-1892, Chrystie 1818-1831, Benj. 1821-1851 m. Van Horn.

Samuel 1802-1875, wife (1) Betsey Kirkland 1804-1838, (2) Sarah Moore 1807-1870. Children: Lathena 1826-1871 m. J. Huntington, Lathrop 1828-1900 m. Harmon, Jane 1835-1851, Elvira 1837, John 1830-1866, Mary 1841 m. Carlton, Edward Lyman 1846-1902 m. Burnidge.

Ebenezer, Jr., 1815-1892 m. (1) Laura Cole 1820-1843, (2) Betsey Hancock 1822-1892. Children: Charles, Laura, Elsworth, Edward, Benj. II.

### TODD

Catharine Todd 1728-1818 came from Whately with her son Rev. Asa Todd 1756-1847, wife Abigail Bishop 1758-1851. Children: David (Polly), Lyman 1791-1846, Justus (wife Cyrena) 1788-1825, Mary 1800-1874 m. Higgins, Beede m. John Williams, Esther 1794-1818 m. Ezra Stearns, Martha 1777-1820 m. Moses Fisk.

Lyman Todd 1791-1846, wife Sarah Kinnie. Children: Lucretia 1810-1845 m. Job Cudworth, Horace 1818, Asa 1820-1895, Aurelia 1823 m. Joseph Cudworth, John 1826-1851, Sarah 1826 m. Mr. Eddy, Effie 1826, Ellen 1832-1846, Alice 1834-1846, Monroe, Frank.

Asa 1820-1895, wife (1) Mary Cudworth, (2) Ellen Cudworth 1829. Children: Isabelle, Esther 1854-1879, Lyman Augustus d. young, Monroe, Flora, Mary d. young.

### BUCK

Isaac Buck 1601-1605. In 1661 one of eight chosen to agree upon a plan for dividing the land of the commonwealth. Wife Frances Marsh b. 1615. He had a brother John. His children: Thomas d. 1755, Joseph, Jonathan, Benj., Elizabeth, Mehitable, Ruth, Deborah.

Thomas d. 1755, wife Elizabeth Howard d. 1760. Children: Mary 1713 m. David Hill, Thomas 1715-1778, Elizabeth 1717 m. Elias



Monk, John 1721 m. Mary Ames, Matthew 1724, Tabitha 1728 m. Thomas Kenber.

Matthew 1724, wife Elizabeth. Children: Isaac 1750, Thomas 1752, Hannah 1755, Keziah 1757, Joshua 1760, Daniel 1762, Eliphale 1765 m. Elizabeth Fenner, Elizabeth 1769, Matthew 1772.

Thomas 1752 came to Worthington, wife Silence Brett. Children: Cyrus 1775, Alvin 1778, Thomas 1782, Martin 1784, Matilda 1785, Melzar 1788, Amity 1790, Roswell 1792, Relict 1796.

#### COLE

James Cole b. 1600, wife Mary d. 1660. Came to Plymouth with his son 1633. James, b. 1626; John Cole his son 1657, his wife Patience Barber m. in 1709.

Ebenezer Cole, supposed to be a son, 1710-1791, came to Chesterfield 1762, wife Ruth Churchill 1710-1806. Children: Ebenezer 1735, Seth 1755, Barnabas 1760, Ruth, William, Hannah, Obadiah, Jessie, Lemuel, Johanna m. Nathaniel Bryant Lieut Amaziah 1747-1816.

Ebenezer 1739, wife Hannah Phinney. Children: Obadiah b. and d. 1765, Jessie 1764, Susannah 1766 m. John Ellis, Silvia 1768, Thomas 1772, Ebenezer b. and d. 1770, Hannah 1770-1778, Sarah 1775, Rebecca 1780. The latter family are recorded in Chesterfield. Consider Cole, on his gravestone 1766. Family Bible 1762-1814, brother Elijah 1761-1825, ~~1761-1825~~.

Lieut Amaziah Cole 1747-1816, wife Rebecca, da. of Samuel and Sarah Parker Cole, b. 1755 m. 1775. Children: Amaziah 1777-1821, Sarah and Rebecca b. and d. 1777, Joseph 1780-1849, Ruth 1781-1793, Ebenezer 1781-1816, John 1786-1805 (wife Ruth Burton, child Betsey 1800), Rebecca 1788, Ansel 1790, Electa 1791, Roxannah 1794-1827 m. M. Adams, Vesthi 1793-1793, Vesthi 1798-1852.

Joseph Cole and wife Mary settled in N. Bridgewater. Children: Samuel, Ephraim, Joseph, Molly m. Pope, Susanna m. Nahum Niles, Catherine born 1762 m. D. Littlefield, Eliza born 1747 m. Solomon Smith, Sarah 1749 m. Withington, Samuel m. Sarah Packard. Children: William 1753, Rebecca 1755, Samuel 1761.

Barnabas Cole 1760, wife Mehitable West. Children: Elisha 1795, Asnah 1797, Lewis 1799, Levi 1801 married Phebe da. of Edward and Zilpha Cole 1786-1800. Sarah Cole m. James Simons 1793. William Cole published to m. Nancy McFarling of Plimpton 1775-

then m. Molly Buck 1776. Isaac Cole m. Hezia Buck 1776. Asa Cole m. Molly Russell 1776. John Ellis m. Susannah Cole 1785.

Consider Cole 1762-1814, wife Roxannah 1766-1818 m. (2) Capt. Reuben Cowing. Children: Seth b. and d. 1785, Consider, Jr. 1787-1875, Samuel 1789-1869, Ansel 1792-1814, Roxannah 1793 1800, Olive 1796-1879, Horris b. and d. 1797, Horace 1799-1887, Roxannah b. and d. 1801, Eleazer 1802; Parmelia 1803 m. Job Bryant, William and John b. and d. 1807.

Dan and Isaac Cole b. in Chesterfield, sons of Seth 1755, and cousins to Consider Cole 1787-1875, wife Deborah Cole 1786-1874. Children: William 1812-1888 m. Jackson, Horace d. 1848, Emeine 1810-1848 m. (1) Laue, (2) Billings 1823-1829, Lucy 1814-1844 m. (1) Smith, (2) Cole, Laura 1820-1843 m. John Ellis, Sarah 1825-1841, Mary 1835-1885 m. L. Cowing, Eliza m. Elkanah Ring, Electa 1826-1864 m. Ephraim Cole.

Samuel Cole 1789-1869, wife Sally Cole 1786-1861. Children: Merrick 1811-1888, wife Cynthia 1813-1841, 2nd Laura 1812-1900, Horace, 2nd 1819-1889 m. Mary Ann Taylor 1820-1883, Harriet 1814-1875 m. John Cole 1810-1892; two other children died young. Horace Cole, first, 1799-1887, wives Sarah King 1798-1857, Maria Cole Kinnie 1814-1874, Almira Hull. He had nine children and all died young excepting Samuel Cole 1835 m. Lydia Carpenter 1837, who have two children, Horace and Estelle. Ansel Cole 1790-1814, wife Lydia Cole. One child, Electa 1813. Lydia then m. Ezra Thrasher and had Isaac Thrasher 1818 m. Laura Cowing, Melvin Thrasher 1825 m. Emily Drake, Mary 1822 m. Willis Burk Ezra Thrasher then m. Fethi Leonard.

Olive Cole 1796-1879 m. Nahum Bryant 1798-1863. Seth Cole bought the Barnabas Cole farm where Mrs. Ludden now lives. Born 1755. His sons Daniel and Isaac were known around here. Daniel Cole b. in 1781-1842, wife Hannah Niles 1783-1861; she was Doctor Conwell's grandmother. Children: Seth Cole 1823-1896 m. (1) Sally Higgins 1832-1872, (2) Matilda Taylor. Children: Edward m. Helen Haskell and children were Ralph, Donald and Charles. Seth's brother Daniel d. in the army. Nancy m. B. Niles, Maria m. A. Higgins, Hannah 1812-1845.

Amaziah Cole, Jr. 1777-1821, wife Hannah Phinney 1784-1852. Children: John 1810-1800, Ephraim 1815-1893, Betsey 1821-1890 m. Henry Crosier 1811-1886. Joseph Cole 1780-1849 m. (1) Lydia



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Post 1778 1833, (2) Harriet Thayer 1798 1838, (3) Hannah Wilcox 1804-1884; she afterwards m Philmore. His children were Lewis 1820-1882, his wife Electa 1815 1882. Children: Elijah 1846 1885, Lydia 1841 1882, Mary 1843 m. James Pease. Lewis' brother was Joseph, wife Lydia Parsons. Ebenezer Cole 1784 1849 m. (1) Silence 1782-1814, (2) Sally Cole Smith 1786 1852. One child, Anaziah, lost one leg, d. in New York. Roxannah Cole 1794 1827 m. Milton Adams 1797 1870. Children: Lewis Adams 1823 1894 m. Sarah Drake, Harvey 1823 1895, Theresa 1816 1884 m. John Niles 1807 1849, Charlotte m. (1) Lane, (2) Clark; Rebecca, Marinda, Amanda Summer Stone.

John Cole 1810 1890 m. (1) Harriet Cole 1814 1875, (2) Lucy Cole Smith 1814 1894. His children: Eliza 1846 m. James Pease, Samantha 1848 m. T. Thrasher. Ethan 1842 1855 died in war. Eleazer 1837 1867, wife Kate Regan, their children Ethan and Howard (Witherell), and John Edward.

Ephraim Cole 1815 1893 m. (1) Electa Cole 1826 1864, (2) Lucretia 1820 1870. Children: Amasa, Emma, Deborah m. W. Jones, Austin, Fidelia, Edward m. Lucy Tower, their children Arlin and Agnes.

Elijah Cole 1764 1825, wife Deborah Damon 1762 1854. Children: Nancy 1793 1883 m. Lot Drake, Jr., Amos 1797 1864, Isaac 1798 1854, Elijah 1792 1850, Sophia Lydia m. (1) Ainsel Cole, (2) Ezra Thrasher, Maria m. (1) John Kinne, (2) Horace Cole. Sally 1786 1861 m. Sam Cole, Deborah 1786 1874 m. Consider Cole. Nancy Cole 1793 1883 m. Lot Drake 1787 1861. Children: Sibyl 1815 1867 m. David Sanderson 1815 1884, Sophia 1816 1902 m. A. Sanderson, Dorothy 1818 1844 m. Middlebrooks, Jotham 1820 1863 m. Mary Sanderson 1827 1884, Ruth 1821 1844, Deborah 1825 1850 m. Billings Higgins, Sarah 1823 1832, Martha 1829 1831, Billings 1831, Emily 1827 m. M. Thrasher, Sarah 1833 m. L. Adams 1826 1894, Martha 1835 1865 m. Austin Hancock, Isaac 1837 1863 m. Lydia Thrasher Geer, Lydia 1826 1842.

Amos Cole 1797 1864, wife Adaline Moore 1803 1870. Children: Henry 1825, Martha 1827 1851, Elisha 1835 m. (1) Rachel Leet, (2) Helen Kude (his children: Flora, Jennie, Charles). Celine 1831 m. Parsons, John 1833 m. Margaret.

Elisha Cole, Jr., 1792 1850, wife Freedom Cowing. Child: Alvah 1839 1842.

Elijah Cole

## ROBINSON

Mr. Robinson died at Lyden in 1625. His wife and children came to Plymouth and Isaac lived to be ninety years old. He was sent as a committee from the colony to see about the Quakers and became a Quaker himself, much to the disgust of his comrades. From him the Robinsons descended. Children born in Pembroke: Zebulon 1747, Increase 1742, Asa 1741, Lydia 1744, Margaret m. West Cole, Abigail m. Isaac Bonney, Namama. Zebulon Robinson 1747, wife Lydia; children Zebulon, Jr., 1770 1848, Lydia 1772 1772, Nathaniel 1774, Margaret 1776, Bonney 1778, Lydia 1780, Harvey 1781, Horace 1782, Ann.

Zebulon Robinson, Jr., b. in Abbington 1770 1848, wife Eunice Joslyn d. age 79. Children: Asa 1795 1852 m. Thankful Wood, Josiah 1793 1864 m. Sophia Cowing 1791 1865, Eleazer 1799 1848 m. Caroline Burton da. of Matthew Burton, William, Charles.

Silas 1803 1886 m. Cynthia Porter 1802 1879, Roxanna 1791 1850 m. Elijah Dodge, Pauline 1813-1868, Eunice 1798 1864.

Capt. Josiah Robinson 1793-1864, wife Sophia Cowing 1791 1865. Children: Helen, Jane, Mary 1827 1865, Howland 1819 1865, Henry, Calvin, Frank J. 1821 1886.

Eleazer Robinson 1790-1884, wife Caroline Burton. Children: Edward, George, Delia, Alice. Recorded in Chesterfield. Isaac Robinson, wife Hannah. Children: Joseph 1770 in Hardwick, Seneca 1772 in Chesterfield, Cynthia 1774, Isaac 1776, Rachel 1778.

## COWING

Prince Cowing was a son of John Cowing. John lived in Braintree; Prince came from Bridgewater. Prince 1735 1788, wife Margaret Kirkland 1734-1817. Children: John 1763, called first child born in Chesterfield; Reuben 1765 m. Eunice Bryant, Pearsis 1768, Rachel 1771 m. Samuel Witherell, Calvin 1774 went West, Samuel, Daniel 1776, wife Sarah, had one son Nelson. John 1763 m. (1) Betsy Fuller, (2) Lydia French 1762-1807. Children: Calvin 1786 m. Bissell, John 1788 1806, Lydia 1789, Sophia 1701 1865 m. Robinson, Lovissa 1792, Charlotte 1794, Betsy 1796 1820, Thompson 1708 1807, Samuel 1801 1833, Ransom 1803. Thompson m. (1) Eunice Kinne, (2) House.

The name of Barnabas Cowing we can not find as other histories do. Gathelius Cowing, wife Lucy. Children: David 1768 in Situate,

(other)

Thomas 1777-1848, Desiah 1771 m. Thomas Patch, Luther 1773, Gathelius 1776, Job 1780, Rachel 1782 in Chesterfield, Elizabeth 1784, Sarah 1786, Sally 1787-1851 m. King

David 1768, wife Mary Keen, 1771-1804. Children: Ebenezer 1791, Ruth 1793, Elizabeth 1795, Desiah 1798, Sophia 1801, Deborah 1800-1800. Thomas 1777-1848. Children: Zaliam, Emerson, William, Caroline, Irene. Job Cowing 1780 1848, wife (1) Rachel, (2) Sybil King 1782-1858. Children: Electa 1804, Dexter 1817, Fannie 1818, Job 1820, Sumner 1826-1858. Patience Cowing 1793 1852, who?

Gathelius Cowing 1776-181—, wife Mary Dickerson 1773-1863. Children: Electa 1792 m. Benj. Knower; Job 179—18—, Laura 1819-1895 m. 1. Thrasher, Freedom d. west m. Elijah Cole, Rachel 1814-1860 m. Lewis Smith, Persis d. west m. Ephraim Jackson. Job 2nd 179—18— m. (1) Cynthia Pomroy 1794 1827, (2) Clarissa Taylor 1803-1839, (3) Jane Loomis. Children: Lewis 1832-1903 m. (1) Mary Cole 1833-1883, (2) Ellen Middlebrook Sanderson 1830 1888; Samuel died in New York m. Louise Hilman; John 1832 1898 m. Laura Smith 1835 1904; Nancy 1834-1898 m. Edward Dodge. Mary died young, Jane, Sarah, Frank.

#### SANDERSON

William Sanderson 1786-1868, wife Parmelia Adams 1783-1860. Children: Alonzo 1810, now living; Orpita m. Reuben Meacham, David m., (1) Sibyl Drake, (2) Ellen Middlebrook, Sally m. Joel Thayer, Jane m. Lyman Patch, Mary 1827 1885 m. Jotham Drake, Betsey Ann m. Daniel Granger.

Alonzo Sanderson 1810, wife Sophia Drake 1816-1902. Children: Sophia, Nancy m. (1) Bernice Thrasher, (2) Elijah Cole, Sarah m. Parson, Frank. [See old people.]

Drake [see Nancy Cole, page 35]. Lot Drake, son of Robert and Susan, was born in Easton 1762-1848, wife Hannah 1768-1842. Children: Lot Drake, Jr., 1787-1861, Stimpson, Eliakim m. Peggy, Theodore 1799-1853, Methodia, Melinda 1782-1855. Noah Drake 1795-, who?

Nehemiah Sylvester came to Chesterfield in 1762; his wife was a Damon. Children: Seth 1742 1788, Richard, Nehemiah m. Mary 1758-1779, Nathaniel, Gershom, Stephen m. Lydia Gardner 1774.

Elijah Willis m. (1) Susannah Phinney 1786-1850, (2) Laura Patch 1803-1864, (3) Wealthy Pomeroy 1797.

#### PATCH

Ephraim Patch 1757, wife Mary. Children: Mary and Lydia 1784. Ephraim Patch died in 1800, his wife Penelope. The children were: Thomas 1753 born in Tompherest, Conn., Penelope 1754 in Union, also Olive 1756 and Ephraim 1757, Samuel 1759 in Brimfield, Eunice 1761, Ware, Lydia 1763 d. in Ware, Barzillia 1765 1814 b. in Ware, Lucinda 1768 in Chesterfield, also Sarah 1770 and Cynthia 1774. Barzillia Patch 1765-1814, wife Ring. Children: Samuel 1787, Isaac 1793, Joseph 1798, Matilda 1799, Delana, Penelope, Ephraim, Ebenezer 1802 d. within a year. Samuel Patch 1759, wife Sarah. Children: Clarissa 1812, Edward 1814-1814 Harriet Patch, w. of Phineas Weeks, d. 1845.

#### ANABLE

Nathan Anable 1801, wife Elizabeth Bastow (afterwards m. Pierce) 1763 1857. Children: b. in Canterbury, Conn.; Betsey Ann 1783 1866 m. William Parish, Laura 1783-1850 m. (1) Whitney, (2) Williams, (3) Curtis, Barnabas 1789 1873, Plulura m. John Wattis, Mary m. Medad Ames. Chester 1790-1850, wife Harriet Moore 1794 1829. His children: (1) Nathaniel m. Clark, children Lucia, Harriet, Elizabeth, Chester, Austin; (2) Samuel 1818 1899, wife Wealthy Phinney 1817-1886. Children: (a) Ephraim 1844, wife Damion, their children Woodbridge and Myrtle; (b) Susan m. Loud, have four children; (c) John 1854 m. Adkins, one boy; (d) John m. Wright, Aspinwell; (4) Asher m. Roode; (5) Catherine m. Moore, Susan 1830 1843, Augusta 1824 1843. Tolridge (Keete) Woodbridge m. twice, has four children.

#### PHINNEY

Ephraim Phinney, wife Mary. Children: Mary 1777, Elizabeth 1779, Hannah 1781-1852 m. Amaziah Cole, Jr., 1792-1836, Susannah 1786 1850, Ephraim 1792 1836, wife Wealthy Pomeroy 1797, children, Wealthy 1817-1886 m. Samuel Anable, Sally.

#### MILLER

William Miller 1733 1817, wife Elizabeth Perkins whose first husband was Mr. Ormsby; her son, Samuel Ormsby, McHitable 1769-1871 m. Jonathan Pitcher 1753 1847, Rachel m. Crosby. Mr. Miller's children were: (1) Nathaniel, 1786 1878, wife Roxannah Burton 1790-1840, their children being Elisha 1817 1840 m. Elizabeth 1824-1847, Ira 1821 1807, Lydia 1827 m. Lyman Miller d. 1905, (2) William P. 1782 1859, wife Martha Vinton 1790-1818. Laury



Vinton lived with him and kept house; his children: William 1817-1903, Electa 1814-1843 m. William Gardner, Rachel 1815-1871 m. D. Blair, William Miller 1817-1903 m. (1) Eunice Gardner, (2) Mary Reed), children Eugene, Ida, Edward, Florence and Fanny Reed.

#### GARDNER

Elijah Gardner, wife Leah Gardner. Townsend Gardner lived in Worthington. Reuben Gardner had children, one by the name of Seth 1781-1862, wife (1) Eunice Patch, (2) Betsy Bryant 1793-1850. Seth had sister Lydia m. Stephen Sylvester. Seth's children by Betsey: (1) William 1814-1901, wife Electa Miller 1814-1843, his children were Levi 1844-1858 and Charles II. 1840-1862, Horatio Conant 1854, William Fordyce 1839, son Charles b. 1872, editor of *Valley Echo*, Westfield, Mass.; (2) Jonathan has a son Dwight; (3) Charles II. b. 1818 has a son William and Charles E. b. 1854 d. 1876; (4) Reuben has six girls; (5) Lovisa 1816-1846.

#### CONVERSE

Stephen Converse, wife Zuriah. Children born in Worthington, Roxey 1760, Charles 1771, Molly 1773. Samuel Converse, wife Meribah. Children: Martha 1760-1769, Samuel 1770-1770, Griffeth 1772-1773, Mehitable 1776. [See page 42.]

#### TANNER

George Tanner family b. in Worthington at Mrs. Adams' house: Asa 1790, Erastus 1791, Betsey 1793, James 1794, Salama 1797, Esther 1799, Maria 1802, Polly 1804, Relief 1807.

#### WEBBER

Ebenezer Webber, wife Kesiab. Children: Hannah 1772, Sarah 1774. Also Jonathan Webber, Jr., 1741-1825, wife Keziah 1750-1834.

#### SMITH

Rufus Smith 1782-1867, wife Salome 1786-1866. Children: Pollina 1819, Warren 1822.

#### WEBSTER

Oliver Webster, wife Patience. Children: Lucinda 1772, Clarice 1774, Sarah 1777, Fortina 1780, Fithiah 1782, Stephen 1787. James son of Constant and Chole 1783.

#### LEONARD

John Leonard, wife Sarah. Children: Ada 1771, Erastus 1772, Capt. Ezra Leonard 1754-1792, family: Louis 1782, Freeman 1784,

Prentice 1786, Merrin 1795, Rachel 1796. Nathan Leonard, wife Hannah. Children: Lucy 1768, Bernice 1771 and Sanford who died 1771, Esther b. 1773, Sabra 1775. Amos Leonard, wife Jennie. Children: Jennie 1760, Ebenezer 1772, Joseph 1773, Mary 1775, Esther 1778. Ebenezer Leonard 1753-1813, wife Elizabeth 1757-1831. Child Marion d. 1770. William 1800-1888, wife (1) Mary 1807-1832, (2) Charlotte 1806-1847.

#### RANDALL

Ephraim Randall 1753-1831, wife Keziah 1753-1816. Children: Mary 1779-1779, Keziah 1783, Joel Randall 1761-1834, wife Patience 1771-1840. Children: Anna 1799-1803, Jotham 1797, Lyman 1800-1876, Angeline 1802, Anna 1806.

#### METCLEF

Eli Metcalf, wife Ruth. Children: Phineas 1766, Jubal 1770, Ada 1772, Michael 1774 born in Worthington, Appolas 1776, Chole 1778, Elias 1780, Rhodon 1782, Ruth 1783, Eliham (or Eli) 1785-1871, wife Polly Higgins 1785-1863. Capt. Jubal Metcalf, family Eliaphet 1792, Laura 1797, Orpha 1799, Eli 1801, Hezekiah 1804.

#### COTRELL

Asa Cotrell 1746-1833, wife Lucinda Clapp 1754-1836. Children: Lucy and Dwelly 1775, Nicholas 1777, Gorum 1780, Rebecca 1782. Nicholas Cotrell 1754-1842, wife Lydia 1755-1846.

#### PARTRIDGE

Seth Partridge 1772-1850, wife Ruth 1786-1862, child Norman 1807-1857. John Partridge family: John Lyman 1800-1880 wife Ruth 1805-1873, Eunice 1802, Phebe 1805, Morany Elmira 1808, Charles 1811.

#### HATHAWAY

Shedrath Hathaway family: James, Thomas and Axtell 1818, Susannah 1819.

#### KINGMAN

Isaiah Kingman 1775-1865, wife Lucy 1770-1872. Children: Alphonso 1800, Franklin 1802, Mary Ann 1808, Sophronie 1810, Lucy 1813, Samuel 1818, Albert 1822, Levi 1825.

#### RING

Jonathan Ring 1702-1774 had two sons, Eleazer and Joseph. Eleazer Ring 1748-1814 (was at Valley Forge with Washington). m. Elizabeth in 1774, wife Abigail Joslyn d. 1787, (2) Damans



Johnson, his children Elenzer 1785, Elkanah 1786-1864 wife Sally or Sarah 1787-1857, Joslyn 1790, Lydia 1792, Jessie 1794, Angel ne 1796, Abigail 1799, Eunice 1801, Elmeline 1803, John 1806, Harriet 1809, Ethan 1812, Joseph Ring 1751-1790, wife Penelope Patch 1754, for her second husband A. Walker, children Susannah 1781-1864 m. Abraham Joslyn 1774-1851, Samuel 1782 m. Nancy Pomeroy, Joseph 1786, George 1787, Ira 1788, Abigail 1790, Bessie 1793, Levi 1794.

#### KINNIE

Elisha Kinnie, wife Thankful. Children: James 1770, Erastus 1781, Anna 1783, John 1785, Stephen 1789. Daniel Kinnie, wife Patience 1752-1790. Children: Mary 1781, Nathan 1783, Susannah 1787, Hutchins 1789, Lyman 1791, Joseph 1803, Asa 1796. Abner Kinnie 1790-1878, wife Cynthia Cushman 1790-1814, Laura Cowing 1794-1870. Roger Kinnie 1765-1843, wife Eunice 1763-1855. John Kinnie 1729-1811, wife Anna 1729-1805.

#### EVERT

James Evert, wife Phoebe. Children: James 1803, Phoebe b. and d. 1805, Edwin 1806, Julia 1808, Laura 1810, Olive 1811. Andrew Evert family: Andrew 1805, Mary 1807.

#### BURTON

Asa Burton 1741-1816, wife Thankful 1746-1813. Child: Sexton. David Burton, wife Hannah Buck. Children: Matthew 1780, David 1790, Betsey m. Morse, and four other boys who settled the town of Burton, Ohio.

#### THRASHER

Simeon Thrasher, wife Betsy Converse. Children: Ezra, Polly m. Charles Pomeroy, Betsey 1803 m. A Weeks, Rachel m. (1) A. Higgins, (2) Ezra Weils (3), (3) Abraham Mahan. Ezra m. (1) Lydia Cole, (2) Fethnah Leonard. Children: Isaac 1818-1802 m. Laura Cowing 1819-1890, Mary 1822 m. Willis Burk, Melvin 1825-1904 m. Emily Drake, Charles 1830, Emily 1831, Lydia 1834, Bernice 1837.

#### MERRITT

Asa Merritt, wife Rebecca. Children: William, Leonard, Henry, Buttler, Submit, Simeon 1822-1888, Austin m. Louisa Stanton, Rebecca 1817-1886 m. J. L. Torry, Margaret m. Smith. Asa 1809-1879, wife Clarissa Tilden. Children: Mary m. H. Brown,

Martha m. H. Sampson Newland, Lucian, William Merritt, wife Elizabeth Sampson. Children: William Lewis 1823-1884 m. Emily Angell 1825-1876, Charles, George, Ozro, Roswell, Albert, Asa. William L. Merritt 1823-1884, wife Emily Angell 1825-1876. Children: Jane 1847 m. William Curtis, Jeannette 1848 m. Lemuel Wolcott, Georgiana 1850 m. Pitsingle, Martha 1852 m. Theodore Elwell, Arville 1860 m. (1) Pomeroy, (2) Ames, Kate 1863-1903 m. A. G. Drake, Emily 1863.

#### HIGGINS

William Higgins came from Ireland, and in 1772 built a log house near the old Square Mill's cellar hole, and then built his house near Reuben Drake's house, then moved to the north side of Ringville road to Chesterfield, just beyond the Chesterfield line. Children: Rebecca 1754-1818 m. Thomas Moore, Germosh, Webster, Lewis 1758, Dilly, Luther, Barney. William m. in 1794 to Heziah Littlefield, Simeon m. in 1771 to Hannah Hubbard, and he was in Revolutionary war.

Elijah 1766-1854, first wife unknown, second was Deliverance Moore 1767-1817, and third Polly Moore Kinnie 1782-1863, she had these children: Lymus, Upton, Ruth m. a Mr. Gardner Elijah's children by Deliverance: Jonathan 1786 (went to Ogdensburg, N. Y.), Lewis 1788-1853, Elijah 1790-1856, Luther 1794-1846 m. Lydia Ring 1792-1866, Rebecca 1796 m. M. Hart, her children being Arad 1810-1865, he m. Rachel Thrasher and Maria Cole, da. of Dan Cole, Sophronia 1811-1901 m. Isaiah Leach, they being brought up by Elijah. Deliverance 1800 m. Mr. Billings and went to Canada, William 1805-1877 (wife Polly), Parmelia m. Sampson. By wife Polly, Billings 1821-1883 m. (1) Deborah Drake, (2) Ann Gilmore, (3) Kate Regan Cole. Billings was Lewis Higgins' father. [See Plate 7, No. 5.] Sally, 1823.

Lewis 1788-1853 m. Mary Todd 1793-1874. Children: Jacob 1812-1893 m. (1) Eliza Moore 1800-1857, (2) Julia Prentice; Almon 1813 m. Lucy Clapp 1821 (they live in Westfield), Elzina 1815 m. Chauncey Landon, Lucy R. m. Madison Cudworth, Deliverance m. John Cady, Elijah 1820-1899 m. (1) Zilpha Collier 1825-1851, (2) Elimia Prentice, his children being Charles 1856 Ida, Lizzie, Catharine m. J. E. Westcott.

Elijah Higgins 1790-1856 m. (1) Rhoda Pomeroy 1790-1847



(2) Aurelia Burley 1707-1870. Children: (1) Cynthia 1813-1841 m. Merrick Cole, (2) Electa 1815-1891 m. Lewis Cole, (3) Charlotte 1817-1838 m. William Jackson, (4) Lyman 1822-1896 m. Mary Millebrook 1822-1861, 2nd wife Eliza Hall 1820-1891. Children: Theron 1845 m. Lottie Burke, Jane 1847 m. Bigelow, Alice 1849 m. Ludden, Hiram 1850 m. F. Cowing, (5) William C. 1827-1884 m. Esther Burley. Children: Corydon 1847-1904 m. Wilder, Ira m. Babb, Edith m. Cross, Herbert m. Raymond, Lee m. Mann.

Barney m. Polly Prentice in 1792. Children: Barney 1798-1855, Asahel, Daniel m. Thankful Cushman 1824, Henry, Ira, Eunice m. Leonard, Phebe m. Watkins, Maria m. Welber.

Ira Higgins' children were Henry, Mary m. E. S. Wade, Jane m. Gamwell, George m. Fisk, Charles A., William, M. Minnie m. Currie.

#### TAYLOR

John Taylor, wife Nancy. Children: John S. 1772-1860 m. Mary Cowing 1770-1811, William, George, Horace, Delia m. Alonzo Clapp, Sophia 1802-1885 m. John Pomeroy, Clarissa 1803-1839 m. Job Cowing Rufus Taylor 1763-1834, wife Thankful 1763-1834. George Taylor's children were William 1836, Amos 1840. Mary [see old people].

#### NILES

Nahum Niles, wife Susannah Cole. Children: Molly 1761, Mary 1764, Nathan 1766, John 1769 m. 1792 Lydia Bryant, Susannah 1772, Isaiae 1775, Nancy 1777, Samuel 1779, Ephraim 1782, Calvin 1784. Samuel Niles was in Revolution; wife Jane. Children: Rubie 1770, Stephen 1770, Ezra 1775, Silas 1778, Rachel 1781, Hannah 1783 m. Martin Conwell, 2nd Daniel Cole

Nathan 1766, wife Sarah. Children: Ansel 1787, Nathan 1789, Sarah 1791. Increase Niles, son of Samuel, m. 1770 Margaret Thayer. Children: Daniel 1773, Molly 1776, Mary 1778, William 1781, Sally 1784. Ebenezer Niles, wife Mary Bartlett m. 1774. Children: Peter 1777, Ebenezer, Asa.

Peter Niles 1774, m. (1) Mary Wilson, (2) Mary Buckham. Children: Mary m. Porter, Peter m. Mary, Lydia m. Alonzo Burton, Emily, Harriet, Lewis d. young. Benj. m. Lovissa Barnes, (2) Nancy Cole, Asa 1810. Eunice m. D. Blair

John Niles 1807-1849, wife Theresa Adams 1816-1884. Children: Charlotte, Jeannette, Asa, Mary, Hannah.

Benj. Niles 1774-1814, wife Fannie Elmore. Children: Zilpha 1804 m. Barnes d. 1835, John 1807 m. Theresa Adams, Mary 1810, Cynthia 1813.

#### TOWER

Robert Tower lived in Hingham, England, d. 1634; wife Dorothy d. 1629. One boy, John (\*1609-1701, wife Margaret Brook, b. in Hingham and they were m. in Charlestown, Mass., where she d. in 1700. They had seven boys and three girls, Jeremiah (2\*) 1640-1676, wife Elizabeth Rowland d. 1723. They had two boys and one girl. His death occurred during King Philip's War. Jeremiah (3\*) 1671-1743, wife Hannah Hobart 1675-1749. They had two boys and two girls. Peter (4\*) 1701-1768, wife Patience Gardner 1703-1768, had two boys and six girls.

Peter (5\*) 1729-1814, wife Deborah Stowell 1726-1780, (2) Joanna Baker, who d. in Cummington 1809. Children: Leah 1747 (married Nathaniel Tower settled W. L. Stone's place), Sarah 1750, Lydia 1752, Stephen 1755-1826, Rufus 1757, Lucy 1760, Asa 1762, Molly 1763, Deborah 1767, Patience 1770.

Stephen 1755-1826, wife Ann Bowker 1752-1821, (2) Mary 1770-1826. They lived near Coon place. Children: Anna 1770, Stephen 1778, Luke 1782-1844, John 1781, David 1782, Joanna 1784, Deborah 1786, Clarissa 1788, Peter 1790, Otis 1791, Salome 1793, Galen 1794, Rhode 1795.

David (7\*) m. Elsie Dean 1792-1833, (2) Mary Bassette, David 1782-1870 d. in N. Y. Children: David 1814, Peter G. 1816, Christopher 1818, Luke 1820, Anna 1822-1838, Stephen, Asa 1824, Levi 1826, John W. 1828, Sarah 1831.

John (7\*) 1781-1827, wife Ruth Reed 1785-1833. Children: John M. 1810, Salome 1812-1816, Celenina 1815 m. Bartlett, Dexter 1817 m. Pierce, Laura 1819 m. Thayer, Roswell 1821 m. Bryant d. 1894, Russell 1826, wife Rebecca Granger b. Jan. 12, 1832-1901. Children: Celenina 1867 m. Foster, Mary 1868 m. John N. Yale, Ruth 1870-1876.

Joseph (4\*) b. 1744, d. in Worthington 1823, wife Sarah 1745-1839. Among his children was Abner b. 1767 in Hingham, Mass., d. in Chesterfield 1846. His children: Sarah, Pyran, Ezekiel 1781-1855, Luther, Juliette (d. 1889) m. Amos Remington.

Abner (5\*) 1767-1846, wife Lucinda Spencer 1771-1846.

\*Denotes Generation.



Children: Luther 1793, Sally 1795, Mary 1798, Deborah 1801, Abner 1804 m. Lydia Sampson, Elvira 1806, Spencer 1813.

Samuel Tower 1728-1811, fourth generation, was in the Revolutionary War and an early settler of Worthington. His wife Hannah Callamore 1730-1818. He bought land in Worthington 1797, a farm of fifty acres in 1799. His neighbor Ezekiel Cushing came from same town Ensign Peter 1775-1825 (6\*) m. daughter of Edward and Zulph Cole Bartlett.

#### PARISH

John Parish 1727-1817. Children: Roswell, Truman, Oliver, Consider, Justus, Spencer

Cyprian Parish and Russell came from Hatfield. Russell settled in Chesterfield. Cyprian 1757-1830, wife Hannah 1762-1846. Ephraim 1755-1833

Oliver 1766-1818, wife Ann 1752-1842, son Corordan 1793-1814. Oliver in 1812 war. Five brothers were in the war, three were drafted. Lifelet and Sherble live near the Corner.

Hiram Parish, wife Mary 1798-1837, (2) Eliza 1802-1845.

Alfred Parish 1796-1806, William Parish 1784-1853 m. Betsey 1783-1866.

#### POMEROY

Luther Pomeroy came from Northampton to Murrayfield and settled in lot number four in 1795; bought it of Mark Pickard and had forty-one and a half acres of land. Luther 1757-1855, wife Rhoda Burt 1761-1824. Children: Rhoda 1784 m. Elijah Higgins, Nancy 1786 m. Sam Ring, Sally 1788 m. Joe Shattuck, Luther 1790-1794, Charles 1792 m. Thrasher, Cynthia 1794-1827 m. Job Cowing 2nd, Wealthy 1797 m. Ephraim Phinney, Phena 1799-1803, Luther 1802-1802, John 1804-1870 m. Sophia Taylor 1802-1883.

John Pomeroy 1804-1870, wife Sophia Taylor 1802-1885. Children: Luther 1826-1873 m. Panny Middlebrooks, Martha 1820 m. J. E. Sanderson, Phena 1827 m. Eleazer Bryant, John Franklin 1832, Cynthia 1834 m. Roswell Merritt, Charles 1836 m. Drake, Cordelia 1838 m. Geo. Filley, Orin Scott 1842 m. Ida Geer, Ellen S. 1845 m. F. E. French.

\* Denotes Generation

#### SMITH

Daniel Smith of Murrayfield m. Keziah Pomeroy Jan. 4, 1780. Children: Ann 1780, Phineas 1782, Wareham 1784-1808, Maria, Keziah, Esther.

Phineas 1782-1858 m. (1) Roxa Pomeroy 1780-1849, (2) Polexy Williams 1800-1880. Children: Daniel m., Cynthia Nichols, Elvira m., Stephen Nichols, Alonzo m., Polly Toogood, Amok 1812-1891 m., Sarah Belden, Mary m., Nelson Porter, Edmund m., Amanda Slade, Roxa.

Amok 1812-1891, wife Sarah Belden 1812. Children: Henry 1840-1901 m., Mary Summer, Ellen 1843 m., R. A. Billings, Fitch 1845-1847, Atla 1849-1861, Mary 1851 m., P. L. Smith, Marshall 1855 [see Plate 1, No. 13], Jennie 1861 m., A. Freeman.

Wareham Smith 1784-1808 of Chester m. Sally Cole 1786-1854. Children: Wareham 1809-1873, Lewis 1807-1864. Wareham (son) died, and Sally married Ebenezer Cole and lived where Marshall Smith now lives. Young Wareham 1809-1873 m. Lucy Cole 1814-1894. Children: Ruth 1833-1879 m., Charles Smith 1831-1876, Laura 1835-1904 m., Cowing, P. L. Smith 1840 m., Mary Smith, John Smith 1842 d. in Battle of Wilderness, Henry 1844 d. young.

Lewis 1807-1864, wife Rachel Cowing 1814-1860. Children: Sarah 1833 m., Dill had six children, Miles 1834-1899 m., Eliza Middlebrook had five children, Charles 1836 m., Flavia Cole had two children, Martha 1838 m., C. Thrasher had four children, George 1840 had 11 children, Mary 1846 m., L. Bishop had three children.

#### BARTLETT

Edward Bartlett family—Edward settled in Worthington, Ephraim 1791-1840 m. (1) Eliza Tilson, (2) Betsey Marshall, had nine children. Luther in Cummington, Stephen 1789-1801, wife Roxa Tower 1793-1842, Calvin 1798, in Ohio, Betsey m., Ames, Easton, Mass., Zilpha m., Bird, Stoughton, Mass., Millie m., Stephen Tower in Cummington, Phoebe m., Edward Tilson in Worthington, Peter Bates, Ohio, Rachel m., Ambrose Tower, Polly 1811 m., Morse first husband, and Peter Tower in Ohio. Edward Bartlett, Jr., wife Mary. Children: Arunah 1797, wife Amanda Tower, Russell m., Nancy Jones, Hiram 1809-1878 m., Tower, Orman 1799-1874, Lovissa 1798-1871 had three children, Tilson



1801-1877, m. Parmelia Tower 1811-1867 had nine children, Lewis m. Laura Prince, two children, Polly m. Asa Bartlett.

#### WITHERELL

Elisha Witherell came from Seuite in 1770 to Chesterfield. Married Rebecca Studley Children: Nathaniel, Joseph, Elisha, Jr., Rebecca m. Joshua Nickols

Nathaniel's children: Levi, Mrs. John Hayden.

Joseph's children: Henry, Lyman, Mrs. Charles Cudworth, Electa.

Elisha, Jr.'s children: Edsel m. Sibyl Chilson, Lewis m. Patty Shaw, Hiram m. Sylvia Weeks, Rebecca m. Hiram Steel, Laura m. Linus Pitcher, Sophia m. Wm. Reed, Julia m. Walter Ross.

Ransom 1811, wife Lucinda 1815-1884 Children: George 1833-1838, Mary 1835 m. (1) Alden, (2) Stark, Charles 1838 m. Freehan, John 1840, Melinda 1842 m. Damon, M. Sophia 1846 m. (1) Hayden, (2) Howes, Elisha L. 1855 m. Phillips.

#### BREWSTER

Elder William Brewster 1563-1643 came over in the Mayflower, 1620. Wife Mary d. 1626. A history by Z. A. Mudge says William Brewster was born in 1500, died 1644 and was 84 years old. William and his two sons, Love and Wrestling, came over together. Jonathan, the oldest, came in the ship Fortune. Patience and Fear came over in 1623. His daughter Fear m. Isaac Allerton, died leaving a son Isaac in her father's care. Patience married Governor Prince. His son Love married Miss Collier. William moved to Duxbury, 1632. Wrestling died in Portsmouth, N. H. Love and Jonathan were with their father when he died, and the others were dead at that time. Jonathan died in 1661. His wife was Lucretia. Children: Mary, William, Jonathan, Benjamin, Grace, Ruth d. 1677, Hannah, Elizabeth.

Benjamin d. 1710, m. in 1659 to Ann Dart of New London. Children: Mary 1660, Ann 1662, Jonathan 1664, Daniel 1667, William 1669, Ruth 1671, Benjamin 1673, Elizabeth 1676.

Daniel 1667-1735 m. Hannah Gages, who d. 1727, m. (2) Dorothy Welter, she d. 1759. Children: Daniel 1687, Hannah 1690, Mary 1692, John 1695, Jerusha 1697-1704, Ruth 1700, Bethia 1702, Jonathan 1703, Jerusha 1710, Ebenezer 1713.

Jonathan 1705 m. Mary Parish. Children: Lucretia 1727, Ruth 1730, Ephraim 1731, Jonathan at Preston, Conn., 1734, Mary 1733, Lydia 1738, Hannah 1739.

Jonathan 1734-1800, wife Ziphora 1735-1794, came to Worthington in 1777 and settled on the Converse place. [See Plate No. 6.] Children: Elisha 1755-1833, wife Sarah Huntington 1768-1841; Esther 1757, Jonathan 1759-1841, wife Lois Ziphora 1759; Sarah 1764, Jonah 1766, Moses 1769, Lydia, Hannah.

Jonah 1766 1852 m. Mehitable, a daughter of Simon Brewster, a descendant of Love Brewster. She was b. 1770-1806. Second wife was Betsey Betcher 1786-1862. Children: William 1795 went West; Mary 1797 m. Alfred Branch; George 1799-1800, George 1800-1865 m. Sarah M. Ellis in Ohio; Benjamin 1802-1875, Franklin 1805-1837; by second wife, Martha 1816-1850 m. Darwin Gleason, Elizabeth 1818.

George 1800 1805 m. Sarah Ellis. Children: Mary J. Luthe-  
nia, Charles, Geo. W. Henry, Edward, Sarah Marie Mann Coleman, who lives on Jonah Brewster place in Worthington; Standford, Edward.

Elisha (6\*) 1755-1833, wife Sarah Huntington 1768-1841. He took active part in Revolutionary War. Children: Theodora 1789, Minerva 1793, Sally 1795, Hannah 1797, Eliza 1799, Ziphora 1802, Lucy 1806, Elisha 1809.

Jonathan 1759-1841, wife Lois 1762-1810. Children: Chester 1785-1786, Esther 1786, Sally 1788, Lucinda 1790, Jonathan 1793, Milton 1795, Joseph 1797, Lydia 1801, Sidney 1803.

Jonathan 1793. Children: Jonathan 1817, Marshall 1818, Moses 1820, Lois 1822, Chester 1824.

Elisha II. 1800-1878, wife Sophronia Martha Kingman 1810. Children: Sarah 1832, Elisha 1834, Lucy 1857, Sophronia 1840, Charles K. 1842.

#### BROWN

Christopher 1759-1843 and Gershom Brown were among the early settlers. Gershom 1750-1843, wife Eunice. Children: Alfred 1790-1875, wife Paulina Spaulding 1791-1844; Robert 1802-1866, wife Lucy Miner 1807-1864; Christopher 1806-1870, wife Mary Sherman 1807-1855; Corien, wife Louisa Gordon, wife Jane.

Robert 1802-1866, wife Lucy Miner 1807-1894. Children:

\*Denotes Generation.



Lewis 1826-1902, Marcus 1828-1840 killed in Medbury's tannery, Alfred 1830-1900, Atta 1832, Castanus 1835, Elvira 1838-1841, Martha 1841-1841, Marcus 1842, Martha 1845, Edgar 1848, Francis 1851.

#### WEEKS

This family has had five clergymen and very few have been poor. Came to Dorchester, Mass., 1635. George Weeks d. 1650, wife, Jane Clapp d. 1668. Children: William 1629, Jane 1631, Ammiel 1633, Joseph.

William 1700-1846, wife Abigail Stewart. Children: Phebe 1709-1875 m. Parson, William 1801-1880 m. Snow, Horace m. Bush, Annie, Mabel, Samuel 1817-1852, Lois m. Wilson, Caroline 1818-1877 m. Smith.

Lemuel 1777-1850, wife Judith Ford 1774-1852. Children: Ruth 1799 m. John Ellis, Alfred 1800-1867, Elizabeth 1802-1851 m. Eber Knight, Lemuel 1804-1851 m. Clarissa Rude, Artemas 1806-1880 m. (1) Witt, (2) Belden, Damaris 1807, Lucy 1800 m. Willis Pease, Phineas 1811 m. (1) Patch, (2) Meacham, Emeline 1814-1868 m. Hayden, Frederick 1816 m. Ely, Thankful 1818-1857 m. Porter.

Alfred Weeks 1800-1867, wife Betsey Thrasher 1803. Child: Charlotte 1825 m. Abraham Steven 1829-1870, children, Frank G. 1851, Charlotte 1853, Ernest 1864-1865, Frederick 1868. Asaiah 1827, wife Caroline King 1829. Child: John, basketmaker, John 1829 m. (1) Dibble, (2) Beebe.

Barber 1770-1823, wife Sarah Otis. Children: Almon 1802, Jane 1805, Sarah 1808-1876, Sophronia 1813, Emily 1817-1864 m. Daniel Gates, George 1819.

Ebenezer 1781-1865, wife Mary Torry 1780-1844. Children: Ebenezer 1808, Mary 1810, Sylvia 1811, Hezekiah 1812, Lewis 1814 m. Mayhew, Orpha 1815-1876, Sophia 1817-1848, Naomi 1822, Ruth 1822 m. Ormsby.

William 1629-1677, wife Elizabeth 1630-1709. Children: John 1651, Elizabeth 1653 m. Terrence Henley, William 1655-1683, Mary 1656 m. Henry White, George 1658-1659, Renew 1666 m. B. Carpenter, Jane 1662-1735 m. John Blackman, George 1664, Sarah 1666, Hannah 1668, Samuel 1670-1683, Submit 1672 m. Robert Cook.

John 1651-1714, wife Sarah Hammon 1655. Children: Sarah

1676, Hannah 1678-1747 m. Moseley, Samuel 1680-1740 wife Elizabeth, William 1688-1754 wife Mary.

William's children: Mary 1714, Martha 1716 m. John Mefadden, Subbiah 1718, Elizabeth 1731, Lemuel 1733 m. Elizabeth Michel, Hezekiah 1739.

Hezekiah 1739-1810, wife Ruth Cole, came to Indian Hollow 1755 and settled on 500 acres of land. Was in Revolutionary War. Children: Samuel 1761-1843, William 1766-1846, Cynthia 1768-1808, Ruth 1770, Lemuel 1777, Barber 1779 1823, Ebenezer 1781-1865 m. Mary Torry, Eunice.

Samuel 1764-1843 took his father's place in the Revolutionary War; wife Lydia Williams 1765-1842. Children: Olive 1790-1795, Oren 1791-1875, Lydia, Spencer 1797-1850, Hezekiah 1799-1801, Theodore 1801-1882, Julia 1803-1865, Samuel 1805-1880, Olive, Susan m. Snow.

Samuel 1805-1880, wife Ruamy Tinker 1807. Children: Ruamy 1829, Marilla 1831, Isaac 1833, George 1835, Eliza 1836, Ralph 1842, Bradford 1845, George 1850.

#### CONVERSE

Samuel D. Converse d. 1831, and wife Mehitable Harris, came from Keene, N. H., to the Sweet place, above Pitcher Bridge, then to a place below D. Prentiss farm, near Ringville. Their son Elisha came at the same time. Samuel D. bought the Horace Converse place of Simeon Thrasher, Elisha 1774-1852, wife Lucy Matthews 1771-1861. Children: Sally m. Pense had four boys and three girls. Orrin 1804-1888 m. Betsey Yumens 1810-1843; second wife Rachel Eastman; he had three boys and one girl. Lucy 1806-1877 m. Lyman J. Tower, had three boys and four girls. Betsey 1800-1892 m. J. F. Pease 1808-1870; they had five boys and four girls. Samuel 1811-1898 m. Sarah Ladd 1820, had five girls and one boy. Elisha 1814-1873 m. Harriet Wickum, who was sister to Dr. R. H. Conwell's mother. Horace 1820 m. Laura Ladd 1824, have one boy, Laforest, who lives on the home place with his father.

#### ANGELL

Christian Angell, b. in Germany, settled first in Lancaster, Mass., and then came to Huntington in 1706. His son Stephen Angell 1763-1853, wife Abigail Moulton 1780-1840; they settled



back of Mr. Bennett's, then near Mr. Morey's barn, and then Stephen Angell built Mr. Morey's house. Their children: Quartis 1800-1812, Stephen, Jr., 1802-1881 Susan m. Wright, children Edwin, Albert; Ira 1803 m. Martha Hoisford, Laura 1805-1867, Diademia 1806-1840, Jedediah 1807-1869, Laura 1810 m. Damon, Mary 1813-1867 m. Tinker, James 1817, Henry 1819-1889, children Alonzo, Anna m. Davis, Sarah, Laura m. Clapp, Scott, Horace, Carrie m. Davis, Lilly m. Wesley Cole, Minerva Abigail m. Hezekiah Weeks 1820-1871; Levi 1823 m. Joslyn, children Mary m. Davis, Willard m. Fowler, Hartwell m. Goodhue, Martha, Channing m. Hathaway, Newell m. Bryant, Nellie.

#### BURTON

Barnard Burton came from Wilbraham, Mass., 1783, and bought 279 acres of James and Ruth Otis on Goss (Goffe) Hill, his wife, Esther Davis. Their children: Solomon, Anna, Israel, Roxanna 1790-1840 m. Nathaniel Miller, Israel m. Annie Pelton, they had one boy who died. Solomon 1793-1838 m. (1) Laura Metcalf 1798-1822, (2) Sarah Stanton 1793-1828, (3) Sala Ellis, daughter of Noah and Clarissa Webber Ellis 1805-1871. His children: Mercy 1817 m. Rockwell, had three boys and three girls, Orlinda 1819-1821, Mary, Orlinda 1823-1902 m. (1) J. Dewey, (2) B. Coit, she had two children, Sarah 1826-1868 m. Timothy Snow, John 1828 m. Maria Lee, they live in Nebraska; Martha m. Z. H. Hancock, one girl. Mrs. Hancock has her father's Bible, 1815.

#### HANCOCK

Zenas Hancock, third son of Captain Timothy, b. in Wrentham, Mass., Jan. 20, 1798, d. 1887, m. Sally Sherwin, daughter of Ebenezer Sherwin, one of 16 children. She was b. 1797, d. 1884. Mr. Hancock, one of 12 children. He came to Worthington 1803,

and lived with his grandmother Hall. She married for her second husband Mr. Hall of Worthington. Z. Hancock lived there three years and returned home when he m. in 1820. His father and himself bought a clothier shop in Ringville. His children: Sarah 1821 m. William Dickinson; they had Ellen and Myron. Betsey 1822-1892 m. Deacon Ebenezer Ellis; they had Laura m. Sheldon, Ellsworth, Edward, Benjamin. Z. H. Hancock 1825 m. Martha Burton b. 1829; they have Eva m. L. Converse. Mr. Hancock has his father's Bible. Lucy 1828-1849, Timothy Austin 1831-1891 m. Martha Drake 1835-1867, children, Ida m. Bates, Lucy.

#### RUDE

John Rude, son of Jacob, came from Norwich, Conn., in 1770, b. 1720-1811, wife Elizabeth Freeman. Settled near the top of the hill above the house where Elias Rude, 2nd, lived. His son John Rude, 2nd, b. 1768, d. 1847, first wife Deborah Dunbar 1766-1813, second wife Ruth Burton Cole 1778-1844 (widow of John Cole b. 1784). Their children: Zara 1794-1866, Clarissa 1792-1869 m. Lemuel Weeks, Jr., Alvin m. Mary Bisbee, had six children, Daniel, Horace, Jonathan, Austin, Relief, Deborah. Relief n. Lyman, Harvey 1806-1848, Elias Rude, 1st, 1808-1800, wife Louisa Sandford 1813-1900. Children: Elma, Albert, Egbert, Halsey, Helen. Zara Rude 1794-1866, first wife Elizabeth Patch 1800-1836, second wife Experience Wright 1798-1848, third wife Kesiah Stevenson, Thomas 1818-1877 m. Damon, children, Merrick, Albert, Nellie, Charley. John 1820 m. Maria Holmes, children, Levi II, Frank, Jennie m. Gooch, Electa, 1st, 1822-1830, Lucy 1823-1855 m. Stephenson, Oliva 1825 m. Ira Miller, Lydia 1825-1835. Laura 1827-1830, Nancy 1829-1851, Electa 1831-1853, Wealthy 1831-1851, Elias, 2nd, 1834-1903 m. Nancy Merritt.



## Chapter VIII. *Indian History*

**T**WO Indian families—Iroquois and Algonquins—lived in our section, and this was especially their hunting ground. The latter tribe were more numerous and the former more warlike. In 1663 they ravaged the Pa-comp-tucks and Squak-heags of the Connecticut Valley. They were called the Romans of the New World. These families divided into various tribes from which the whites took deeds of the land. Cut-to-was was owner of Agawam, Chick-wal-log alias Way-hil-low, Hen-es-scha-lant, Nassi-co-chu, Reunks, Pa-quah-sa-hat and As-sel-la-quom-pas-owned Northampton Chick-wal-lopp, Um-pum-cha-la and Wampe-shaw, sachems of Nol-wo-toggs, owned Hadley. Um-pam-cha-la owned Hatfield. Alquot of Wo-ro-noaks owned Westfield. These latter were famous for the number of beaver skins and other furs. The Mohawks were a division of the Iroquois to which the Indians around us paid tribute. The Senecas guarded the western side. Most of the Indians in our section were Algonquins and joined King Philip against the whites. The Pequot Indians had their last village at West Chesterfield, near the gorge, and the last battle between the whites and the Indians was back of Mr. Freeman's barn. The story is that over a hundred were left dead on the field.

This section was unsafe for settlement before 1749, and in our investigation we find that only once in a while the white man journeyed through these hills. It has been said that the Senecas made a raid and captured a white woman on Goffe (Goss) Hill and took her out to the western part of New York to their home, and that she became the wife of their chief. She had a daughter, and when the opportunity came she took the child and escaped to her home. This is where the Indian woman by the name of Aunt Rhoda came from, it being her mother who was the Indian chief's daughter. No Indian was allowed to use tobacco until he had made a name for himself; and the men alone

planted it. The women were not allowed to handle it in any way. Would that it were so today. The Pequot War began in 1637, when two traders named Stone and Norton were murdered, then John Oldham in 1636. Thirty men from Windsor, forty-two from Hartford, eighteen from Wethersfield were in the war. The Indians in the eastern part of our State were called Mass-ad-chu-sit, from whence the State takes its name.

Before the plague which appeared here before 1620, making it possible for the Pilgrims to land, the Indians numbered thirty to forty thousand. The deed of the Indians July 10, 1658, reads as follows: "Land the west side of Capawong Brook, now called Mill River in Hatfield, south to the brook called Wunkeconness comes out of Great Pond to upper side of the meadows called Mincommuck on the north and nine miles into the woods." This reaches nearly to us, and probably the land of these hills was included in it. The Indians lived here in 1670-80<sup>o</sup>. About 1745 the road was built from Northampton to Pittsfield, and of course went through Worthington. Southampton was attacked in 1704. In 1749 Elisha Clark and Noah Pixley were killed. There above a few of the more important facts that might be noted concerning the Indians of our section.

	POPULATION 1650 TO 1700													
	1650	1610	1630	1650	1650	1650	1650	1670	1670	1680	1690	1690	1690	
Huntington	300	500	800	250	200	75	112	126	114	156	169	124	160	142
Worthington	1223	1201	1276	1129	1493	1119	1112	1091	925	801	815	769	714	647
Chesterfield	1223	1469	1447	1416	1122	1611	959	897	801	811	746	629	605	511
Cummington	365	1900	6000	1201	1258	1125	1000	1055	980	1037	916	831	805	757

Murrayfield was settled in 1762, called Chester, incorporate Oct. 31, 1765. Norwich was incorporated June 29, 1773, now Huntington. Chesterfield, June 11, 1702. Southampton, Jan. 5, 1753. Blandford, called Glasgow, April 10, 1741. Westfield, May 16, 1699. Springfield May 14, 1636. Granby, June 11, 1768. Middlefield, March 11, 1783. Montgomery, Nov. 28, 1782. Ashfield, called Hunt's Town, June 21, 1705. Cummington, June 23, 1779. Worthington, June 30, 1708.



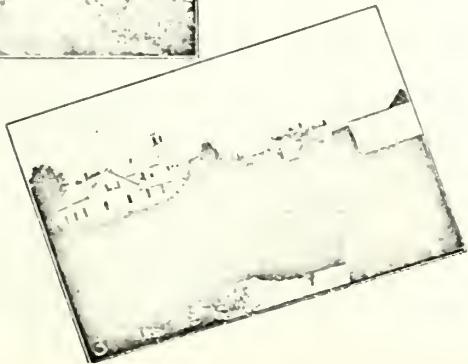
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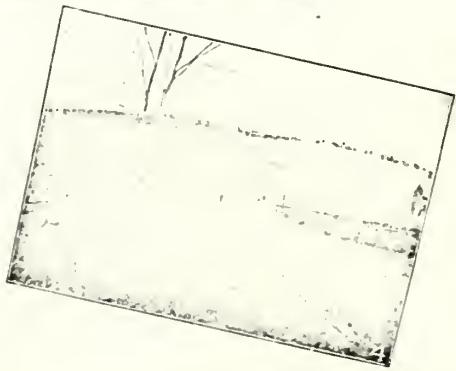
1. The Falls



3. The Old Church (extreme left) - The New Church (center)



2. Basket Shop



3. Ringville, as it used to be



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## Chapter IX. *South Part of My Parish*

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**O**UR Church draws its congregation from Chesterfield, Huntington, Chester and Worthington, so we divide our section accordingly.

**IRELAND STREET, CHESTERFIELD.** Original grants: King Philip's War in 1675 had eight hundred and forty Massachusetts troops, and the General Court, June 30, 1732, granted seven tracts of land to the descendants, and this was called Narragansett's Grants. Some of this land was too poor for settlement, and in 1736 the township was ordered to be laid out west of Hatfield. In 1738 the township was laid out into about 23,640 acres. The exact number of acres was uncertain. In 1781 Goshen was set off, and Chesterfield, then called New Hingham, had about 16,748 acres. Chesterfield, incorporated June 11, 1762, held its first town meeting July 20, 1762. Ireland Street, laid out Dec. 18, 1762, was so named because its settlers were Irishmen. George Buck, the first settler, very near 1750, built his log house on lot No. 5. The well is still to be seen. His wife Grace had no children unless John and Samuel were born somewhere else. No record exists in Chesterfield. He acquired a deed to his property by allowing it to be sold for taxes. In 1764 he acquired a title to lots No. 77, 78, 10, 17, 5, Ezra May, Abijah Tucker and Benjamin Bonney, selectmen, signing it. He sold lot 77, 78, 5, with house on it, to John Buck in 1768. George Buck was a nailer by trade. Prince Cowing owned 81 and 82, which he sold in 1773 to Ebenezer Hunt. Prince Cowing had his land of John Cowing of Braintree, Mass. His deed reads, "Two hundred acres land given by Capt. Andreas Canada Expedition, in the year 1690, one-half of lot 66, 65, 81, 82 in the right of John Ward and Thomas Roberts. Lot begins at the corner of 67, extending west one and one-half miles, south one hundred and thirty-three rods and eight links, east one and one-half miles, north one hundred and thirty-three rods and eight links by Westfield River." This land extended one hundred rods into Worthington. Witnesses

to the deed were Barnadus and Melitable Howard. Prince also purchased in 1763, of John Cowing, land granted to Caleb Cowing, containing 400 acres of land in Andrews Town, now called Chesterfield. The grant was made in 1756. Witnesses were Daniel and Damaris Howard, Thomas Hallbret b. 1702, d. 1778, owned lot 76. Timothy Price, lot 70, in 1769. Seth Sylvester, lot 80, 1764. Richard Sylvester, lot 51, in 1764. Abiel Stetson, lot 32. Benjamin Bryant, lots 43, 33, 18a of lot 14 of Jeremiah Stockwell, also lots 63, 70, 42, for taxes in 1765. Benjamin Bonney sold to David Macomber lot 2, 1788. Benjamin Bryant to Southwick Cole, his son-in-law, and his son George, lot 43, in 1788. Mr Cole, George Bryant and Luther Curtis owned lot 21 together. Ebenezer Cole and Amaziah Cole owned the following lots: 30, 38, 62, 33, in Norwich lots 28, 29, part of number 10. Near them lived Thomas Patch and Jabez Bartlett. David White sold them lot 38, Ezra Phillips lot 41, Ezekiel Marsh lots 61 and 10, also the west part of number 10. Barnard Burton, lot 20 and 5-18 of lots 32, 33, 34, 36, 37. These lots were not all on Ireland Street.

**HUNTINGTON** Huntington (or Norwich) was part of Muryfield, and was set off in 1773. The following towns were sold at public auction June 2, 1762: No. 1, East Hoosac, now Adams, to Nathan Jones, 3,200£. No. 2, Peru and Hinsdale, to Elisha Jones, for 1,460£. No. 3, Worthington, to Aaron Willard, for 1,800£. No. 4, Windsor, called Gageboro, to Noah Nash, for 1,450£. No. 5, Cummington, to John Cummings, for 1,800£. No. 6, Savoy, to Abel Lawrence, for 1,350£; No. 7, Hawley, to Moses Parson, for 875£. No. 8, Lenox and Richmond, to Josiah Dean, for 2,550£. No. 9, Murrayfield (Chester and Norwich or Huntington), to William Williams, for 1,500£. No. 10, Rowe, to Cornelius Jones, for 380£. We are not to suppose that these towns were bought without proper investigation, naturally the buyers would satisfy themselves regarding the value of their proposed purchase.



and generally the man who bought them did so representing proper backing.

Murrayfield came into the hands of Abijah Willard, John Chandler, Thomas Paine and John Murray, the last three selling one-fifth of their interest to James Otis, who owned Murrayfield, except the John Bolton grant of 250 acres. The lots that we are interested in are 14, 15, 13, 12, 11, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 21, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35. In the division of these lots, made in 1764, Abijah Willard had lots 2, 8, 11, 13, 16, 19, John Chandler 1, 23, 24, 27, 29; John Murray 12, 14, 20, 21, 22, Timothy Paine 3, 7, 10, 18, 25; James Otis 4, 9, 17. All these are 200-acre lots. Lot 15 was sold to William Miller. The seven other lots had either been taken up or sold previous to 1764. Joseph Geer bought lot 1 of Silas Geer; Barnabas Cole one-half of lot 11 in 1780, of Joseph Vinton, thirty-six acres of lots 20 and 28 of William Keen in 1782, eighteen acres of lot 31 in Chesterfield; of William Gore, in 1790; Consider Cole, in 1793, the northeast part of lot 10, sixty-two and one-half acres; eighteen acres of lot 35 in Chesterfield. Samuel Ellis in 1795, to Ebenezer, lot 5 (500); Stephen Taylor of Seth Cole, east part of lot 11 (500).

**WORTHINGTON** At the auction June 2, 1762, Aaron Willard of Lancaster bought the land of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Township No. 3, for 1,800 $\frac{1}{2}$ . He represented Selah Barnard of Deerfield, who had one-third, Josiah Dwight of Springfield, one-sixth, John Worthington of Springfield, one-sixth, Timothy Dwight of Northampton, one-sixth, and himself one-sixth. He paid 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  down and gave bonds signed by these men for the rest. Recorded at Springfield, Book No. 6, pages 543, 551. Divided the Township Oct. 10, 1765. Selah Barnard sold his lots to the following.

	LOTS		LOTS
1763 Nathan Eager (1)	96, 99	1770 John Kelly	214, 218
1769 John Worthington	97	1773 Moses Morse	30, 100, 107
1771 Joseph French	94 (604)	1769 Nathan Leonard	113
1772 Noah Morse	101	1770 Eliud Dix	24
1772 William Barr	66	1790 Roger Benjamin	139
1773 John Buck	108, 109	1793 Erastus Barnard	173
1767-70 Samuel Morse	114, 8, 91 (448), 47, 11, 46	1794 Seth Sylvester } 123	
1781 Timothy McElwin	219	1805 James Blackman } 123	
		Abel and Jonathan Parker	100

	LOTS		LOTS
1770 Barnabas Cole	150	1787 Eleazar Ring and Gore	227
1777 Jesse Vinton	174	1792 Aaron Phelps } 178	
1766 Ethemus Pitton	222	Olive Parish }	
1779 John Partridge	54	1792 Townsend S. Gardner	225
1772 Obadiah Rhodes	131, 179	1794 Nathan Eager	111, 76
1779-3 Timothy Meach	27, 88, 15, 193	1770 James Warren	180
		1774 Jonathan Huntington	
1766 John Skiff	20		37, 40, 85
1771 Samuel Taylor	207, 220	1707 Moses Morse	50
1776 Joseph Green	68	1772 Edmund Pittengill	98
1777 Nathaniel Aver	66	1766 John Watts	34
1781 Nathaniel Daniel, Jr.	176	1795 John Nichols	216
1770 Robert Kinnie	182	1797 Daniel Morse	14
1770 Joseph Prentice	125	1774 Roger Dewey	17
1786 Whiller Higbe	4	1771 Thomas Kinnie	62
1795 Rufus Morse	144	1768 Beriah Curtis	52
1794 Josse Shepard	150	1781 Elijah Dix	20, 211
1773 Othamond Gilbert	31	1783 William Skinner	210
1780 Amasa Ross	101	1794 John Bachelor	155, 172 (224)
1773 Zephunel Hatch	70		

1780 Gardner Chamiller fourteen lots—12, 79, 112, 120, 121, 132, 131, 140, 153, 145, 151, 161, 185, 224, one hundred acres each.

1782 Joshua Gates, lots 120, 121, his estate. 1757 Samuel Follett 151, 152, 153, 157, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 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1795 Timothy Allen, lot 200; 1793 Ezra Starkweather lot 72 and 73; 1793 John Leonard lot 48; 1794 John Meeker lot 201; 1794 Asa Spaulding lot 171, 169; 1794 Calvin Smith *et al* lot 142; 1792 Samuel Crosby lot 162; this lot was occupied by Abel Cushing; 1793 Thomas Ward lot 204; 1793 Nahum Eager lot 97; 1793 Samuel Tower, Jr., lot 157; 1794 Isaac Herrick lot 127; 1793 Elisha Tinker lot 170; 1766 Nathan Leonard lot 51; 1795 Timothy Meach lot 84; 1794 Isaac Herrick lot 128.

#### Josiah Dwight sold to

	LOTS		LOTS	
1766	Nathan Leonard	56	1766 Jonathan Prentiss	61
1768	Timothy Meach	83	1768 Thomas Kinnie	119
1768	Moses Morse	101, 41	1764 Ephraim Wheeler	102
1772	William Perham	20	1780 Thomas Kelly	212
1772	Obadiah Rhodes	129 (8ca)	1781 Samuel Tower	103
1780	Jonathan Huntington	90	1798 Peter Scott	217
1785	Joseph Ring	122	1791 Levi Leonard	53
1798	Daniel Kinnie	180 (4ca)	1793 Reuben Melvin	74
1794	Rufus Marsh	164	1795 Matthew Smith	198
1773	Obadiah Kingley	150		

These were the only non-residents in 1782. John Barrett, 1820 acres; John Worthington, 1235 acres; Josiah Dwight Heirs, 1200 acres; Aaron Willard's Heirs, 537 acres; Gardner Chandler, 700 acres; Solah Barnard, 1300 acres; Simeon Pease, 100 acres; Etheimer Dilton, 235 acres; John Northam, 100 acres; Samuel Follett, 100 acres; El Nathaniel Taylor, 100 acres.

#### John Worthington sold to

	LOTS		LOTS	
1773	Constant Webster	180	1771 Samuel Clapp	78
1771	Elias Gilbert	108	1771 Jeremiah Kinnie	15
1770	James Bonamin	138	1768 Nathaniel Dwight	32
1768	Moses Morse	42	1767 Rufus Stone	98
1768	Thomas Kinnie	124	1764 Nahum Eager	93, 100
1766	Moses Ashley	23	1766 Thomas Converse	44
1777	David Hewitt	87	1784 Jared Farman	187
1773	Hezekiah Follett	7	1782 Moses Morse	16
1783	Reuben Hitchcock	59	1783 Isaac Herrick	59 (48a)
1805	Moses Brewster	33 (30a)	1802 Jonathan Drury	3
1799	Joseph Anderson	5-12 of 68, 67	1800 Nathan Mann	105
			1791 Peter Scott	169 (50a)
1701	Asa Burton	80	1793 Gershon Randall	33 (22a)
1701	Jeremiah Phillips	169 (50a)	1793 Nahum Sexton	33
1703	James Bemis	71	1802 Joseph Marsh	(60a)
1807	Samuel Tower	166		

School lots, 1780, Ebenerer Williams 125, Daniel Chapman 223, Joseph Marsh 57, Joseph Dwin 125, Edmund Pettigill, Jr. min l lots 100, Timothy Meach 75, Samuel Buck and Asham Fanning 18, Levi Flint 91, 1791 Joel Randall, of the town of Worthington, 101 (70a).

1790 Charles Gilbert, lot 135, 1813 Daniel Falley, lot 137, 1796 Calvin Smith, lot 143, 1772 Obadiah Rhodes, lot 179, 1773 Oliver Webster, lot 185, 1797 Erastus Ingraham, lots 199, 202

#### CUMMINGTON

Col. John Cumming, at the request of others, bought at the auction of June 2, 1762, for himself and others, the Township No 9. The proprietors:

FIRST DIVISION	SECOND DIVISION
Asa Douglass, 66 (102a) 67, 55, 64, 66, 27, 21, 24, 17, 16	22, 4, 51, 31, 30, 39, 8 38, 47, 24
Tilly Merrick	37, 34
John Cumming	50, 68
Joseph Bridge	54, 61
Charles Prescott	45, 49
Thomas Jones	23, 30
Isaac Barrett	3, 70, 13, 20
Thomas Barrett	53, 46
Samuel Brewer	23, 9
Jonas Heywood	63, 22
James Barrett	33, 49, 17, 21
43 sold to Oliver Conant	37, 11
John Jones, Jr.	25
Edmund Munro	44, Oliver Conant 7
David Brown	20 Stephen
Joseph Hayward	19, 29, Hayward, 30
Samuel Farrar	35, 2b, 3
Charles Barrett	45
James Chandler	2, 51, 36
Samuel Minott	50
Joseph Wright	42, 32
William Park	14, 19
Samuel Hayward	2, 43
James McCannon	56, 65
James Berry	41
Robert Cunningham	31, 4, 37
John Cunningham	16
Nathan Harwood	52
Stephen Farr	10
Ministerial lot 25 and school	6
	Ministerial lot 46

Josiah Farr bought lot 36, Stephen Farr sold to Phillip Shaw. Joseph Farr sold to Josiah Farr, 1785, west side lot 46.

John Cumming had lot 18 Division I for building a sawmill; Charles Prescott had 45 but failed to build and it was given up; 11, 15, 30, 52 went to the committee who were Charles Prescott, John Cumming, Joseph Hayward, Samuel Farr, Stephen Hayward; lots 25 and 26 were public lots, so we have the reason why

\*Isaac Barrett, Jonathan Heywood, Tilly Merrick.



they did not draw on Division III of lots. Lots 4, 5 of Division III equal 42, 43, 44, 25 of Division II; lot 3 of Division III to 45, 28 of Division II, 24 of III to 26, 27 of Division II; three lots duplicated and were for the public good.

The Third Division of lots were drawn by those who owned the First Division, and had ninety acres in them.

Div. I.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	14	15	16
Drew Div. III.	12	52	20	22	35	26	15	55	47	14	40	41	58	57
Div. I.	11	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	32
Div. III	39	62	50	17	19	61	48	30	37	3	1	54	13	03
Div. I.	35	36	37	38	40	41	42	43	44	47	48	49	50	51
Div. III.	38	51	40	16	25	27	11	7	0	5	23	34	50	39
Div. I.	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	01	02	63	04	05	06	07
Div. III	53	34	8	21	18	28	50	42	4	43	24	33	9	10
Div. I.	70	71												
Div. III.	60	2												

The following residents of Chesterfield, Huntington, Worthington and Cummington served in the Revolutionary War:

CHESTERFIELD  
 Richard Sylvester  
 Isaac Buck  
 Simeon Higgins  
 Lewis Higgins  
 Ebenezer Cole  
 William Higgins  
 Eleazar Ring  
 (at Valley Forge)  
 Gershom Randall  
 Jeremiah Kinnie  
 Samuel Cole  
 Gershom Brown  
 Samuel Follett  
 Jonas Leonard  
 Asa Cotrell

WORTHINGTON  
 Luke Sylvester  
 Barnabas Cole  
 Wheeler Higbe  
 Consider Cole  
 Jesse Buck  
 George Buck  
 Thomas Moore  
 Nicholas Colterell  
 Samuel Pettengill  
 Timothy Meach  
 Thomas Buck  
 Moses Buck  
 Samuel Kingman

CUMMINGTON  
 Prince Cowing  
 John Cowing  
 Benj. Bryant  
 Elijah Cole  
 Jephthah Cole  
 Jesse Cole  
 Alexander Kingman  
 Lot Drake  
 Seth Cole  
 Jonathan Ring  
 Asa Jackson  
 Rufus Marsh  
 Peter Tower  
 Nathaniel Tower

HUNTINGTON  
 Stephen Angell

In Worthington Col. Webber lived and in his company he had as sergeants Jeremiah Kinnie, Jonathan Prentice, Joshua Morse, Gershom Randall and Drummer Anthony Morse.

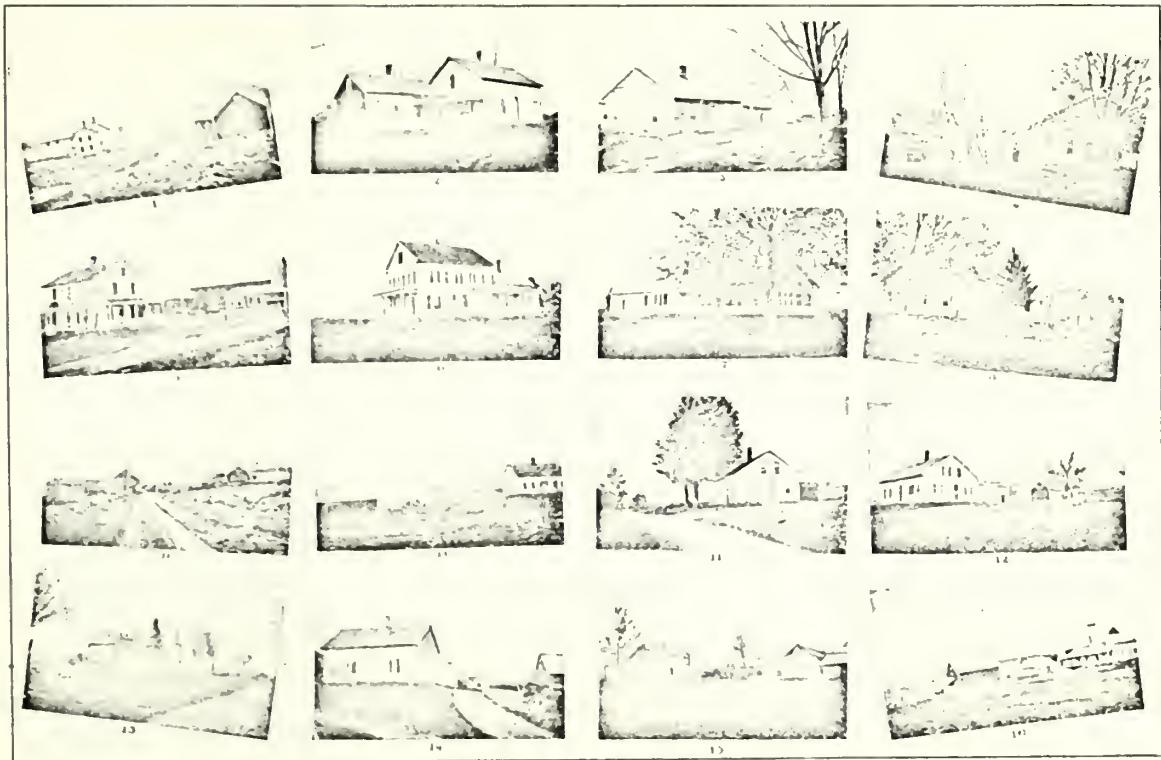
Valuable records are obtainable that give the names and services of our soldiers, which were they written up would fill many pages. The State is putting each man's record into book form, and the work will soon be completed.

#### RESIDENTS OF SOUTH WORTHINGTON IN 1821

George and Solomon Tanner lived where Mrs. Adams does. Parley Hutching ran the gristmill and lived near Mr. Freeman's house. Mr. Sam Cole owned the gristmill. Luther Pomroy lived in Doctor Conwell's farmhouse. Captain Jackson and Ring lived in a house above Doctor Conwell's house. Theodore Drake built Doctor Conwell's house. The next house above Jackson, going north, was Job Bryant's, and the second, Noah Bissell's. The next one, Cromwell Burr's. Going west from Doctor Conwell's house was Dan Cole and Lot Drake, Jr., who lived in a log house. The next, where the Converse Cemetery is now, was Daniel Gates'. His father had lived where A. Sanderson built his house. Farther up the road lived Reuben Gardner, Hyricum Drake, Captain Metcalf, Moses Buck and Widow Moore, and over across the brook in Ringville and on the crossroad Elijah Higgins, Timothy Haneock, William Coit, John Coit, Milton Adams, Doctor Bridge and John Pratt. At the other houses the plates give the history in detail. These facts received from Mr. A. Sanderson. The name of Mrs. Eva Conners, omitted from the list of officers page 19, should be placed among the Stewards. She has had splendid success in the office of Treasurer.



PLATE I



1 Todd Farm 2 Vickery Place 3 Granger's Place 4 East Cowan's 5 Sumner Brown 6 Mrs. Hilbert's 7 A. Cole 8 F. Cole 9 Scott Pomroy 10 Castle Farm 11 Mrs. Gannon 12 L. Granger  
13 M. Smith 14 M. Clark 15 Connder Cole Place 16 Hancock & Johnson



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## Chapter X. - *The Homes in Chesterfield*

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No. 1—M. Todd's farm. Lewis Pease lives here, b. in Chesterfield Feb. 10, 1870, m. April 6, 1892, Emma Morgan, b. July 7, 1862, in Westfield. They began housekeeping in Westfield, moved to Worthington 1848, came to this place 1902. Mr Pease does plumbing for Mr. Eddy. Place owned by Munro Todd, who had it of Asa Todd 1820-1895, of Lyman 1791-1846, of Rev. Asa Todd 1756-1847, who was Baptist minister in 1802-1820. He came from Whately, Mass., and his mother, Catherine Todd, 1728-1818.

No. 2--The Adams house, owned by Mrs. Lizzie Vickery, b. [unclear], m. Augustus Vickery [unclear] b. [unclear]. Bought this place 1903 of Mrs. Dwight Stanton. It was called the Elijah Higgins place. Lewis Adams bought here 1854, building this house of lumber from the old Baptist church. Lewis Adams had it of Billings Higgins, of Holland Moore, of William Higgins, of Elijah Higgins. The house stood a little south of where it does now.

No. 3—The Daniel Granger place. Owned by Lewis Granger, of Daniel Granger who bought in 1855 of Sidney Brewster, of Ansel Adams, of Billings Higgins, of Holland Moore, of William Higgins, of Amos Moore in 1813 and Thomas Moore in 1812, who settled here. John Cowing lives here now, b. Oct. 6, 1860, m. Feb. 3, 1888, to Mary E. Randall, b. Aug. 3, 1864. They lived at home seven months then went on the mount to live. Moved to West Chesterfield, to Damon's mill house and several other places. They have two sons, Reynold b. Dec. 21, 1888; Herman b. Aug. 28, 1891. They keep sixteen head of cattle, sixty hens, one horse, three pigs; eat twenty tons of hay. The place has sixty acres of land.

No. 4—Earl Cowing. His mother, Laury b. in Chesterfield Dec. 15, 1835, d. Oct. 9, 1904; m. Jan. 31, 1855, John Cowing, b. on Melvin Thrasher's place in Huntington Dec. 6, 1831. They began housekeeping in Ringville on the place they bought of Arad

Higgins. Lived there two years then traded with William Higgins for this place. The children, Mary E. (Brown) was b. in Ringville, and Fidelia (Higgins) b. in Chesterfield; John (see No. 3), Lucy E. who d. April 17, 1864, and Laury Elzine b. Jan. 14, 1870 m. (1) Mr. Bryant, (2) Charles Perry Jan. 2, 1904; Earl R. b. Feb. 24, 1886, m. Bessie Sonderson Jan. 2, 1904. Mr. Cowing bought the Leach place of the heirs of Mary Higgins Langdon. Mrs. Cowing bought the John Kinnie place of Mrs. John Kinnie, of Jotham Drake, Reuben Drake's father, who was killed in the war. Keeps sixteen head of cattle, two horses, two pairs of oxen, sixteen hens, and eats forty tons of hay. The farm consists of 175 acres of land. William Higgins had it of his father Elijah. On the crossroad below the farm called Hart's farm, Jotham Drake bought of Ephraim Cole. Matthew Buck from Bridgewater, b. 1724, lived here. We think he was a nephew of George Buck, who settled up the road from this place. [See page 46.]

No. 5—Sumner Brown, b. in Norwich Nov. 13, 1857, was m. April 13, 1880, to Miss Mary Cowing, b. Nov. 7, 1855. They began housekeeping here. The farm consists of 150 acres, and keeps fifteen cows, fifteen young stock, three steers, a pair of oxen, one pair horses, 100 hens. Bought of I. Thrasher, Thomas Lane, of Robert Lane, of Lawerson Torrey, of Ephraim Jackson lived here and carried mail. Ephraim Cole, Nahum Bryant, Job Bryant, Mr. Cromwell Burr, all have lived here. Samuel Cowing lived here in 1821, and the place was part of Prince Cowing's land [see page 46]. When Mr. Torry's barn was struck by lightning and burned, his neighbor, whose horse had been stolen a few nights before, came in to sympathize with him. Mr. Torry, after listening a while, said, "Well, neighbor, God took my property but the Devil took yours."

No. 6—Mrs. Mary Hilbert, b. in Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 7, 1868, was m. to Mr. Hilbert July 21, 1887. Came to Chesterfield



June, 1897. This place was called the Elisha Kinnie farm. Her daughter b. May 10, 1888, in Lansdowne, Pa. Mr. Hilbert bought of Mrs. Kinnie, whose husband had it of his father Abner (1760-1878). Zebulon Robinson settled in a house near here. Nathaniel Bryant owned land here also. The Baptist meetings were held in the house in the peach orchard Sept. 22, 1789. This farm consists of 300 acres, and keeps twenty-three cattle, four horses, six pigs, and cuts forty tons of hay.

Nathaniel Bryant, grandson of Lieutenant Bryant of Plymouth, in 1777 settled a little east of here, and m. Joanna, daughter of Ebenezer Cole. Two of their twelve children were born here: Betsy m. Bisbee, Jr., and Colonel Patrick settled near the mount.

No. 7—Amasa Cole was b. on the Ephraim Cole place in Worthington, next to Gaston Smith's, Jan. 9, 1849. Came to Chesterfield in 1856. Taught school sixty-four terms (date of this writing), receiving fifteen dollars a month and board at first. In 1874 taught the South Worthington school, having twenty-seven scholars; in 1876 at Ringville, and had eighteen.

Emma Cole was b. Dec. 17, 1858. Taught twenty-seven terms, receiving at first three dollars a week and board.

No. 8—Edward M. Cole b. April 28, 1861, was m. to Lucy Tower June 7, 1887, b. on the Tower place in West Chesterfield July 27, 1860. She taught school fifteen terms. The children, Arlin b. Aug. 24, 1880, Agnes b. Nov. 18, 1894. The farm has 275 acres, and keeps twenty cows, one pair of oxen, three horses, thirty hens, twenty head of young stock, and cuts about fifty tons of hay. His father Ephraim m. Consider Cole's daughter Electa. His grandfather was Amaziah Cole, Jr., who died at Lewis Granger's house. Ephraim Cole bought of Horace Cole who had it of his brother Samuel. William Wetmore and Calvin Cowing also lived here. The farm is part of Prince Cowing's land.

No. 9—O. S. Pomeroy, b. in Conwell's farmhouse Aug. 8, 1842, was m. in Becket to Ida Isabella Geer by Rev. William Jordan, Sept. 28, 1870, b. in Becket May 21, 1850. They began housekeeping here, and have three girls and one boy. Robert b. July 14, 1873, lives at home. The farm contains 300 acres and keeps twenty-four cows, thirteen young stock, a pair of oxen, thirty-five hens, and three horses. Mr. Pomeroy's father

John d. July, 1870. Bought the place of Horace Cole in 1845. Luther Pomeroy, a descendant of Medad Pomeroy, who settled in Northampton in 1660, was his grandfather. Enlisted in the Revolutionary War, serving eight years, and drew a pension for the same. Was b. in 1758-1855, and was called Captain Pomeroy because he drilled the Militia company in Chester. Horace Cole owned this place, the Castle place, part of Lewis Granger's, Skinner Brown's in 1849. Prince Cowing settled in this house when he came to Ireland street.

No. 10—Castle place owned by Doctor Conwell. It was last occupied by Albert Stratton b. June 1, 1878. His mother, Sarah Stratton, b. in Vermont Feb. 9, 1838, m. March 1, 1861. Came to this place November, 1901. Albert m. Florence Drake, June, 1904. This place has been owned by Horace Cole, Jackson brothers, Eli Cady, Dwight Stanton, Mr. Castle and Harvey Adams. Doctor Moore built the house and sold to Horace Cole.

No. 11—Mrs. Ida Gannon, b. in Vermont Oct. 10, 1861, m. John Gannon Nov. 14, 1884, d. in 1900. They lived in Maurice Clark's house, Castle place, Mrs. Hilbert's house, Maurie b. Sept. 11, 1885. Ethel b. in Adams, Mass., May 6, 1887. Mrs. Gannon cares for four State children. Horace Cole made a wood house just above, and this house was kept for hired help. Mrs. Gannon is the first to own it separate from the Castle farm.

No. 12—Lewis Granger, b. Nov. 27, 1864, m. Ora Smith Nov. 21, 1886, b. at Mr. Freeman's house Dec. 30, 1863. Her mother's funeral sermon was preached from Proverbs 4: 29. They have one boy Homer b. May 8, 1890. Their niece Maude b. Aug. 15, 1889. They had (willed) the place of John Cole, who built the house. Amaziah Cole lived here in 1820. Opposite Jonathan Ring, Eleazer Ring and Ephraim Phinney have lived. In 1850 John Cole kept three cows, one horse and twelve hens. The farm has 110 acres, keeps twenty-five head of cattle, three horses, four pigs, 175 hens, and cuts forty tons of hay. Lewis' father Daniel was elected surveyor of lumber in Huntington March 11, 1854. Amaziah Cole, Jr., died in the old house and his was the first funeral. Alonso Sanderson attended after coming to South Worthington in 1821.

No. 13—Marshall Smith, b. in Chester Dec. 25, 1855, was m. (1) to Lizzie Belden Dec. 25, 1875, who d. Jan. 13, 1877; (2)



Gertrude G. Knight Sept. 20, 1886, who was b. in Norwich, Mass., May 23, 1868. Her great-great-grandfather built one of the first houses in Norwich. This place was owned by P. L. Smith's step-grandfather, Ebenezer Cole. The place was settled by Ebenezer Cole. It has been used as a tavern, and meetings have been held there. Opposite was a store and blacksmith shop. The place was sold to Marshall Smith in 1879. In 1850 it kept nine cows, a pair of oxen, one pig, now has 175 hens, two horses, and one pair of oxen. This farm contains 280 acres and cuts forty tons of hay.

No. 14—Maurice Clark was b. in Montgomery, Mass., Dec. 24, 1881. Moved to Chesterfield in 1901. The house was built by Lewis Cole who was b. Nov. 17, 1820. His father Joseph Cole b. Sept. 22, 1784, m. (1) Lydia Post, (2) Harriet P. Thayer, (3) Hannah Willett. Lydia Post would be great-grandmother to Elsie Higgins, Lewis and Alvin Pease. Lewis Cole m. Sally Converse, Horace Converse's sister. James Pease and wife sold the place to their daughter Elsie, who sold it to Mr. Clark. James Pease b. May 15, 1839, d. Oct. 21, 1901, and his wife Mary b. Oct. 26, 1843, lives with her daughter Elsie Higgins. The farm has 200 acres, keeping eight cattle, two horses, thirty-five hens, and cuts twenty tons of hay.

No. 15—The Consider Cole place is owned by Hescock and Johnson. This is just the place for a fine hotel. Sam Cole sold this place to Consider Cole, then to Lewis Cowing, who sold it

to Hescock and Johnson. On investigation we find that the above Sam Cole was a son of Ebenezer Cole of Hatfield, and that Sam Cole died in an old house built down near the brook near Mr. Witherell's shop. [See Cole's history, page 34.] Just above we find the cellar hole of a house where Barnabas Cowing is said to have lived, but do not find the name recorded on any deeds. Near by Elijah Willis lived; also the Zara and Alvin Rude place. Not far from here Josiah Fisk and Mr. Litchfield lived.

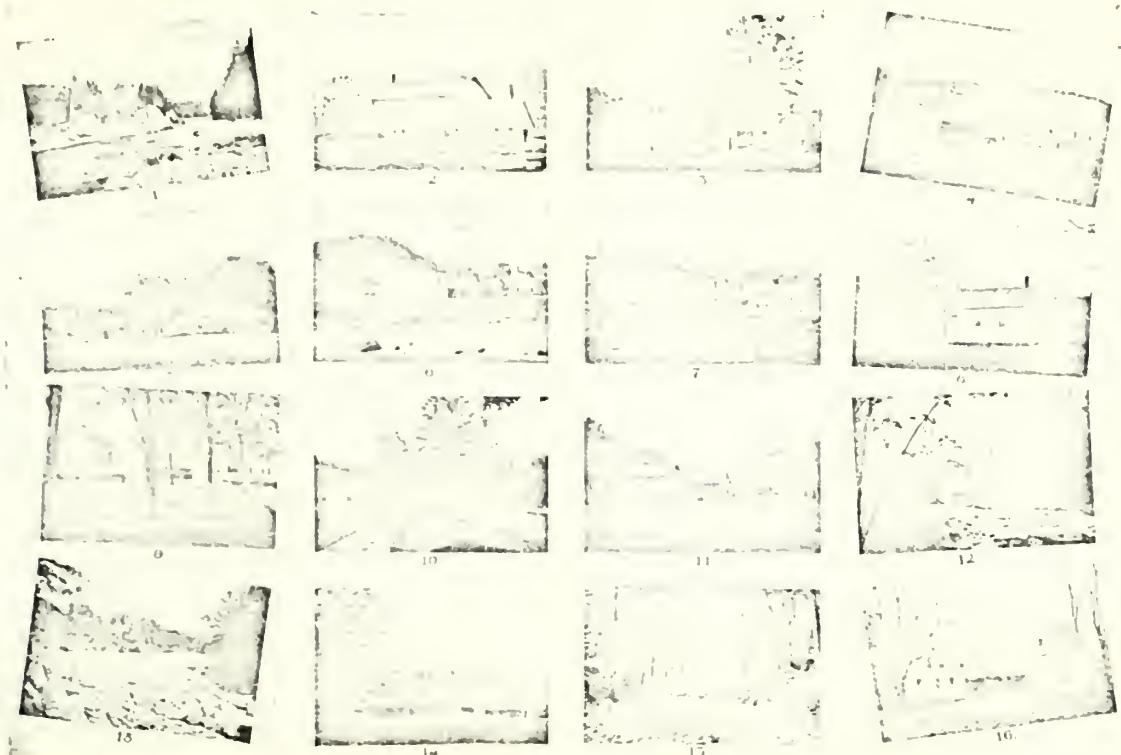
No. 16—Eugene Johnson, b. April 30, 1875, was m. July 14, 1898, to Ida Pomeroy b. Dec. 17, 1880. They kept house in Huntington, moved to our parsonage where they were living at the time it burned, suffering great loss. They boarded until they moved to this place. Her brother, Charles Pomeroy, b. Aug. 16, 1883, came to Chesterfield in 1888 and lived with Marshall Smith until he was seventeen years of age.

Harry Hescock, b. Dec. 16, 1877, came to Worthington and was m. in the Methodist church to Hattie Pomeroy Nov. 1, 1900, b. Oct. 18, 1881, in Lorain, Ohio. They began housekeeping here Clifton Williams, b. July 7, 1890, makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. These two men, Mr. Hescock and Mr. Johnson, are called "The Boys" in this locality. They bought the place of Lewis Cowing, who had it of Consider Cole, of Lewis Smith, of Ephraim Patch. His father settled here in 1768. In 1824 Widow Desire Patch lived here.





PLATE II



1 The Jane    2 Diamond's Mill    3 F. Ludden    4 Mrs. Nancy Rule    5 Mrs. George Reed    6 Charles Ames    7 Mrs. Levi Angell    8 Deseret School-house    9 Mr. Morey  
10 Chan Angell    11 Charles Bennett    12 Knightville Dam    13 Stowell Flat    14 Martha Angell    15 The Road    16 Charles Strong



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## Chapter XI.—*Indian Hollow, Huntington, Mass.*

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No. 1.—The Jarms. He who loves nature can spend hours here among the beautiful rocks. Just above was the old Baker dam. In the old house which stood on the cellar hole there Noah Bissell lived in 1821.

No. 2.—Damon's mill, formerly run by F. Damon, is now run by B. Witherell. It is owned by the Adams Mining Corporation. They bought it of Hiram Higgins, of John Cole, of Nathan Fiske, of Clifford Damon, of Job Torrey, and Dexter Damon who built the mill. It is situated at what is called the mouth of Dead stream.

No. 3.—Fred M. Luddles was b. in Williamsburg July 23, 1841. Moved to Conway, thence to Sutherland, when thirteen years old went West to Loda, Ill. Enlisted in Co. K, 76th Illinois Regiment. After three years' service in the army he came East in November, 1873, m Alice Higgins Nov. 20, 1874, b. June 5, 1880. They began housekeeping in Westhampton, moved to Chesterfield, thence to Northampton, thence to this place in 1880. Died March 19, 1905. Bought this place of Jeremiah Brown. Joseph Tower built the house. Jonathan Lilly, Elijah Tilden, they live on the east side of the road. Stephen Taylor, Barnabas Cole and Seth Cole have lived here; the latter probably settled here first. The lot is called No. 11.

No. 4.—Mrs. Nancy Merritt Rude was b. in Conway Nov. 3, 1833, and moved to Williamsburg in 1834, m. Elias Rude, 2nd, Dec. 14, 1858, b. in the old house Nov. 20, 1854. They began housekeeping in the old house. Mr. Rude built the present house. He, the youngest of eleven children, was killed July 9, 1903. His father's name was Zara. The homestead contains 150 acres, the whole farm however about 200. Mr. Rude made a very fine collection of minerals. [See Rude history, page 43.]

No. 5.—George A. Reed, b. in Swanzey, N. H., April 27, 1853, m. Dora Willard Sept. 5, 1881, b. Feb. 20, 1880. They began housekeeping in Swanzey, N. H., and after living there ten years moved to Winchester, N. H., where they remained twelve years,

coming here Nov. 13, 1903. The children: Carl b. Aug. 7, 1883; Guy, May 2, 1885; Roy, Jan. 30, 1887; Marjorie, July 28, 1894; Max, March 16, 1901. They bought the place of Mrs. Oliver Ames, whose husband died here. He purchased it of John Rude, who with his wife lived here forty-nine years, and they of Zara Rude, of Henry Merritt.

No. 6.—Charles Ames, b. March 31, 1874, m. Arvilla Merritt Pomeroy July 2, 1898, b. June 2, 1899. Mrs. Ames has two children living by her first husband (Samuel Pomeroy)—Irving and Sarah. She was b. May 29, 1889. Mr. Pomeroy bought the place with a frame on it which had been put up by C. Angell, and built this house. Mr. Tinker lived here when the old house burned, and they moved to the Royal Hatch place. Samuel Sampson bought it of Jesse Torry, who had it of Kenelm Sampson. The land was part of Hezekiah Weeks' place.

No. 7.—Mrs. Levi Angell (Angelina Joslyn) b. in Savoy, Mass., April 26, 1830, m. Mr. Angell March 28, 1854. Mrs. Angell has lived here all her married life, excepting three years. She moved to Robinson Hollow when six years of age. She has six children living: Nellie F. b. Oct. 31, 1879, lives at home. [See Plate 13, No. 5.] The place contains fifty acres of land. Levi Angell secured one-half from his father Stephen, and some from Samuel Weeks, who died in 1850 and was buried on the hillside at the rear of the house, and a small piece of land from Asa Merritt, and some from Widow Williams, making in all fifty acres.

No. 8.—The first school-house built south of what is now called Ames brook. It stood on that spot until 1800, when it was moved to Mrs. Angell's gateway where it remained until 1858, when the present one was built, which has not been used since 1886.

No. 9.—Frank E. Morey, b. in Westhampton March 4, 1845, m. Hattie Pierce Jan. 8, 1864, b. in Columbia, N. H., Dec. 19, 1845. They began housekeeping in Loudville, moving here in



1805. They have one boy Charles b. in Loudville Dec. 20, 1873, Richard Bowers, b. June 4, 1833, in Tolland, Conn., spends his winters here. Mr. Morey enlisted from Northampton in Co. G, 4th Mass Cavalry. The place contains seventy-five acres, keeps two cows, one horse, twenty hens and one pig, and cuts six tons of hay. Mrs. Hartley bought of George Torry, who had it of his grandfather Bushrod Fisk, of Henry Angell, of his father Stephen Angell, who built the house in 1825. There was also a house built near the barn by Christian Angell, where the family had lived.

No. 10—Channing Angell, b. June 30, 1803, m. Aug. 22, 1801, Anna Hathaway b. July 10, 1874. They began housekeeping at the old homestead, in 1806 came to this place. Their children: Hazel b. Aug. 27, 1803; Raymond, April 23, 1805; Eva, Aug. 10, 1809; Martha, Oct. 10, 1803. Bought the land where the house stands of Mrs. Mary Lewis. His farm is part of the Henry Weeks place. The lot above bought by Mr. Goodhue. Henry Weeks bought of Hezekiah Weeks. Stephen Angell was in the war of 1812, and his father, Christian Angell, in the war of the Revolution.

No. 11—Charles B. Bennett, b. in Sharon, Conn., June 20, 1828, was m. May 4, 1850, to Julia A. Myers, b. in Sheffield, Mass., July 20, 1836. Their children: Mary b. March 30, 1850; Charles, April 10, 1857. Both children were born in Norfolk, Conn. They moved here in 1802. The farm contains forty acres of land, and keeps two horses, two cows, and 150 hens. John Henry, his brother, b. in Amentia, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1835, joined the Congregational church in Norfolk in May, 1858, and lives with his brother most of the time. Bought this place of Mrs. Charles Lewis, of Mr. Goodhue, of Mr. Fisk, of Bushrod Fisk. Fred Fowler built the house. Mr. B. W. Fisk lived in the house above the one burned. Almer Sampson of Spence Weeks. Nathaniel Miller lived here. There are three large rocks in Mr. Bennett's pasture where the first log house was built by Christian Angell.

An Apple Story—A man from Norwich Hill one morning in the fall passing a sweet apple tree, desired to take some apples home, but not having anything to carry them in, took off his pants, tied up the legs and filled them up with apples. It being early in the morning he thought no one would be up, but just

as he was ready to start for home the owner came out, and catching him made him come to the house, gave him a glass of cider and then escorted him to his home, arousing each neighbor on the way to show him his novel catch.

No. 12—Knightville Dam. In years gone by there was here a dam with twelve feet fall. Twenty-five feet would flood all around up to the cemetery. The electric road company expects to build here.

No. 13—Stowell Plat is the place where Springfield wished to build a dam for her water works, but failed to get a charter.

No. 14—Martha Angell, b. in Holyoke July 22, 1819, was m. Feb. 11, 1838, to Mr. Angell. After living seven years in Huntington they spent twenty-seven years in Westfield, coming to this place in October, 1860. Martha has three boys and two girls. Albert was b. in Westfield Sept. 21, 1860; Charles Aug. 8, 1875. The boys live with their mother, who lived on the Lyman Miller place in 1850. The farm has 100 acres, keeps five cows, two horses, and twenty-eight hens. They purchased the place of William Miller, who had it of his father William Miller, who bought the place in 1762. [See the Miller history, page 36.] A town house was built in Knightville in 1841 and was burned in 1802.

No. 15—The road in front of the Angell place. This is a cool ride on a summer's day.

No. 16—Charles Strong, b. Oct. 6, 1853, m. Mary Brown Sept. 5, 1880, b. June 15, 1862. They began housekeeping here for twenty years he has made whetstones from the quarry [Plate 4, No. 7]. Their children: Grover b. March 9, 1880; Ceiver, March 15, 1891; Gladys, Dec. 6, 1897. The farm contains 400 acres, keeps three cows, a pair of oxen, one horse, and 200 hens. Mr. Merritt built the shop. Asa Merritt and John Piomeroy built the parsonage which was burned in 1809. The Merritt family always attended church. Just a little above this place lived Ebenezer White 1807-1873, wife Mary Tilden 1816-1899.

#### LEGEND

The story is told by old settlers about the cave on Goffe (Goss) Hill, that three men once came and lived in it; one of them dying, the other two went North. The ridge is full of places



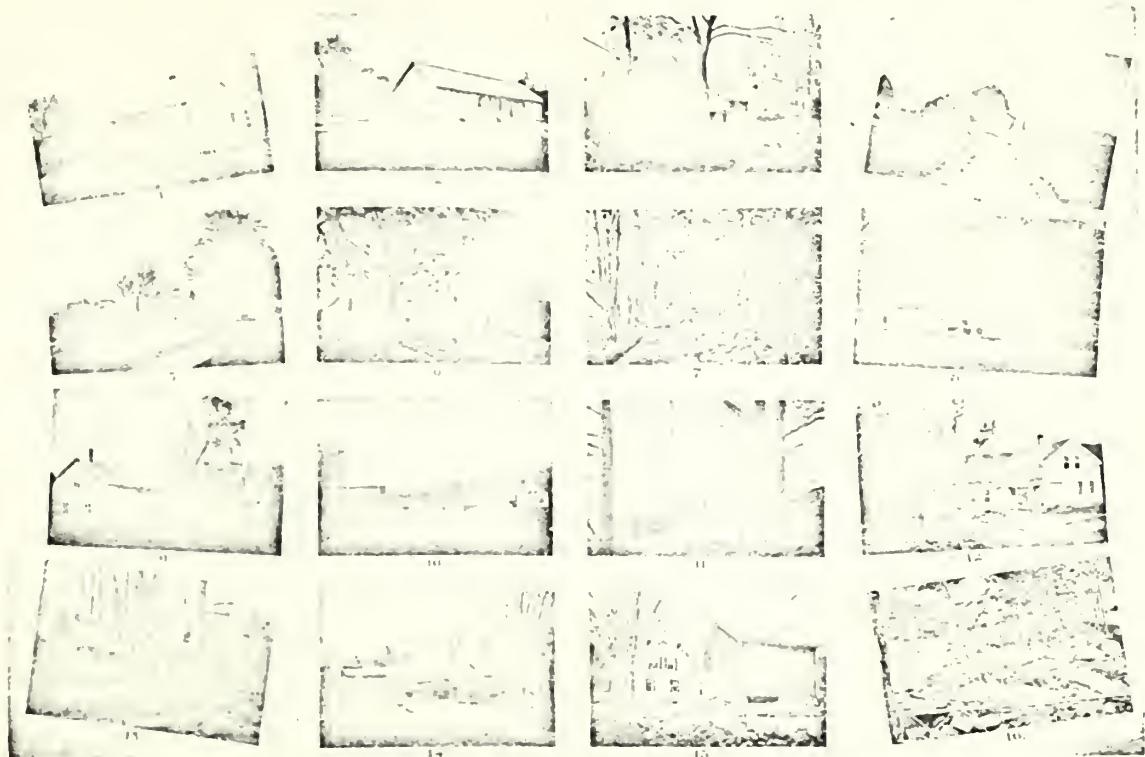
where one might hide, but there is one particularly good cave at the south end. Having this story in mind upon one of our visits to the Registry of Deeds office, Springfield, we found in Book I, page 122, that the northeast corner of Suffield, Conn., extends to the point where the Middle Branch and West Branch of Westfield River unite on the way from Goss Hill to Huntington Village. The Ingersol grant is at this corner. Some of the land was sold in 1742. The story of the Three Judges leaves these men as going north from this point. A very interesting history can be easily imagined, after reading about the Regicide. The writings of these men were left in Mr. Russell's hands until 1692. His son, 1711; his grandson was the succeeding minister at Barnstable, 1758, when his daughter, Ruth Otis, wife of Col. James Otis, bought one-fifth of one-fourth of Murrayfield

and owned this cave and the land about here. Knapp's American History (pp. 110, 120) gives some of the story of the Judges. Colonel Goffe and Whalley arrived in New Haven in 1661 and were joined by Mr. Dixwell in 1672. Colonel Goffe died in 1680, and Mr. Dixwell in 1689. As Colonel Whalley died in 1678, if three men came to this cave and one died, which would be Colonel Whalley, 1678, then surely they spent the winter of 1677-1678 here, and they could certainly have been supplied with provisions by their friends and would not be disturbed by anyone. There was also good fishing near by. The land around is such that they could have seen anyone coming at a considerable distance. We have given the facts as we have found them, and trust someone may some day discover further incidents regarding this rather interesting story.





PLATE III



1 Mr. Collins    2 J. Richom    3 Merritt Place    4 A. G. Drake    5 M. Thrasher    6 Oscar Higgins    7 The Roads    8 A. Withersell    9 Mrs. Blair  
11 Converse Roads    12 H. Higgins    13 Mill House    14 The Mill (H. Higgins)    15 M. Stetson    16 Conwell's Rocks



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## Chapter XII. *Goffe Hill*

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No. 1--The Angell place is owned by Mr. Collins, who works at Worthington. He bought the place of Lawyer Hardy of the town of Huntington, of A. Angell, C. Bates, of Lyman Ring, of Samuel Pomroy, of Bushrod Fisk. Old man Fillmore sold this place to D. Strong. Samuel Weeks died here.

No. 2—Joseph Rochan was b. in Quebec Nov. 25, 1852; went to Nashua, N. H., 1864, m. June 15, 1873, went to Springfield in 1877. He bought this place of Mrs. Freeman and the house lot of William Gardner, who had it of Samuel Weeks. Sands Babcock lived near and just below Peleg Stanton, and sold to Henry Pease.

No. 3—The Merritt place. A. G. Drake was the last one to live here. Lewis Merritt b. in 1820. His father, William Merritt, was brother to Asa Merritt. William bought the place of Bela Searles.

No. 4—A. G. Drake, b. in Chesterfield March 29, 1857, m. Kate Merritt Dec. 22, 1881, b. in Huntington July 11, 1863, and d. July 1, 1903. They began housekeeping in T. K. Higgins' house. Moved to the Corners, thence to Florence; came to the old homestead, then moved up here in 1899. This place was known as the Ellis place. Benjamin and Ed Ellis of Westfield, grandfather, built the house Isabelle Drake b. July 9, 1887; Emma Merritt, April 18, 1867; Ralph Cole, Feb. 10, 1888; Charles Cole, Oct. 8, 1896. [See Plate 13, No. 28.] Mr. Drake m. (2) Helen Haskell Cole, July 27, 1904. The old house stood just south of this one. This place contains 400 acres, cuts forty tons of hay, and keeps three horses, nineteen cattle, and fifty hens.

No. 5—Melvin Thrasher's place. [See Plate 13, Nos. 15 16.] Eleazer Thrasher was b. in South Worthington Sept. 23, 1869, m. to Emma Fox Sept. 26, 1900, b. in Southwick June 26, 1878. The farm has 210 acres, keeps ten head of cattle, seven pigs, and fifteen hens. It has been owned by M. Thrasher, A. Thrasher, Lewis Smith and Gathelius Cowing. The old house stood oppo-

site, in the garden spot. The Sam Elder place was near the old barn. On the way to Huntington was the John Niles place, next the Williams'. Barnard Burton bought of James and Ruth Otis in 1783. Opposite was Solomon Burton, and below the cemetery was the Noah Ellis place.

No. 6—Oscar Higgins, b. in the old church July 13, 1868, m. Nina Drake Jan. 4, 1893, b. on the Consider Cole place Sept. 1, 1874. They began housekeeping in Mary Burke's house. Roy b. Aug. 22, 1895, Lee, June 10, 1902; Carl, May 7, 1903. The place contains 300 acres, keeps one cow and two horses. The place is owned by Marshall Burke who bought it of I. Thrasher, Jr. His father bought it of Horace Cole, paying for it in wool at forty cents per pound. He had it of Elijah Cole. Henry Leonard lived here before him. The old cellar hole toward the church was made by Willis Burke.

### SOUTH WORTHINGTON

No. 7—Down the road.

No. 8—A. Withrell, b. in Chesterfield June 18, 1876, was m June 14, 1899, to Jennie Huylek by Rev. G. R. Moody. She was b. in Springfield Nov. 11, 1881. They kept house for a time on the Huylek place, moving here in 1901. A son, Harold, was b. Aug 28, 1900. They bought the place of George Thrasher, I. Thrasher of Scott Angell, of Rev. Asa Niles who set out trees around the house. Mr. Niles traded with Sam Able, of Harvey Dewey who built the house. Asa Burton settled this place and built a house in the orchard. Matthew Burton lived here in 1821. In 1791 Asa Burton paid seventy-three pounds for lot 80, containing 100 acres.

No. 9—Clara Blair. [See Plate 13 No. 3.] In Aug 1872, she married Mr. Blair, her age forty-two, his fifty-three. She was a daughter of Dyer and Lucinda Harger. He was b. in Blandford in 1819, son of Nathan and Sally Tyrell Blair. He bought



this place of Benjamin Niles, of Peter Niles, of Ebenezer Niles who settled here.

No. 10—Horace Converse place. [See Plate 13, Nos. 8-9.] Their son, Laforest, b. Dec. 4, 1848, m. Eva Hancock Nov. 8, 1875, b. in Ringville March 26, 1855. They began housekeeping at C. W. Smith's house, then owned by H. Haydeu, later moving to this place. Laforest's great-grandfather was Samuel Davis Converse, and his son Elisha was b. Aug. 6, 1774, and died May 3, 1852 (?); came to the Sweet place above the Pitcher bridge on the hill. When Elisha was small they moved to the house which stood near D. Prentiee's windmill. They bought this place of Simeon Thrasher. Horace and Elisha Converse were b. in the house in the peach orchard. This house was built in 1830. Laforest's grandfather b. in Keene, N. H. In 1850 the farm kept four cows, a pair of oxen, one horse, and twenty hens; now four cows, a pair of oxen, one horse and thirty hens. They eat twenty tons of hay. The farm consists of seventy acres of land.

No. 11—Converse Hill. Don't fail to walk up when you come to town.

No. 12—Hiram Higgins, b. in Mill house Jan. 20, 1856, m. Fidelia Cowing Jan. 7, 1880, b. in Chesterfield Oct. 20, 1858. They began housekeeping in Stetson's house, then the Mill house, then moved to their present home. The children: Walter, b. Feb. 1, 1881; Viola, Sept., 1883; William, May 8, 1885; Lucy, Feb. 5, 1889; Laury, July 14, 1891; Wallace, Aug. 11, 1895. Viola m. in 1903. They bought the place of Charles Pease, C. W. Smith, of M. Smith, of Elisha Converse, of Samuel Converse, of Parley Hutchings, of A. Sanderson, of William Jackson, of Henry Leonard,

of John Pomeroy. This farm is the south half of lot No. 27, which lot was bought by Timothy Meacham for 49 $\frac{1}{2}$  in 1770, and in 1773 sold to Daniel Kinnie, 1774 to Stephen Converse. The place contains seventy acres.

No. 13—Mill house. Albert Meacham, b. in Savoy March 5, 1851, m. Martha Smith July 31, 1884, b. July 11, 1886. They began housekeeping at Reuben Drake's old house on the hill in Ringville. After living in several places they came to this place in 1892. Walter b. Jan. 21, 1885; Robert, July 26, 1887. Elisha Converse built this house and sold it to Arad Higgins, to Lyman Higgins, to Hiram who rents it.

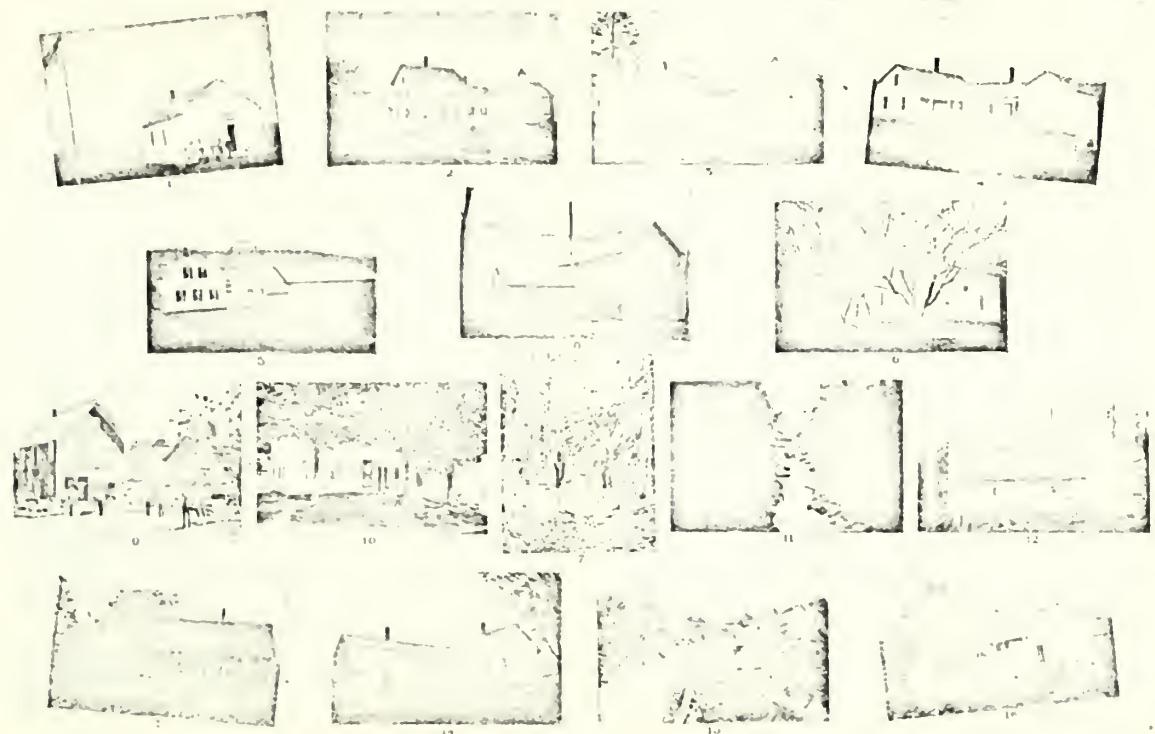
No. 14—Higgins' mill. Built by Elisha Converse in 1843, sold to Arad Higgins, to Lyman Higgins who enlarged, then to Hiram Higgins the present owner, Nov. 10, 1791. James Blackman opened a linseed oil mill just above. The old house, which is now tumbling down, was called the Blackman house. Just opposite Dwight Stanton's grandfather Peter lived. The old well is beside the road. Just below the iron bridge John Niles had a tub factory.

No. 15—Charles Wood, b. in Salisbury, Conn., Sept. 19, 1871, was m. by Rev. G. R. Moody Jan. 18, 1901, to Emma Hypson, b. in Charlestown, Mass. They began housekeeping in this place. Bought of Doctor Conwell, of E. Gibson, of Frank Patch, of Mary Drake, of Miles Smith, of H. Ladd who finished building the house, of Lewis Cole who put up the frame. Manly Stetson in 1904 bought the place and moved in.

No. 16—Just above the school-house is a rocky scene. We hope that these rocks are full of radium for the future to reveal.



PLATE IV



1. Ireland St. Schoolhouse    2. Mrs. Stone's    3. Charles Drayer    4. Mary Buckley's House    5. A. Roseman    6. M. Stratton    7. Strong Quarry    8. Watherine Shop    9. Blacksmith Shop  
 10. C. Bradley    11. The Falls    12. Bradley Mills    13. Mrs. Adams    14. F. Anable    15. The Bridge    16. George Thrasher



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## Chapter XIII. *South Worthington*

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No. 1—Ireland street school-house was built in 1850. Charles Conwell was counted as one of the best teachers that the district ever had. Mr. Hayden gave a boy (Horace Lane) a whipping that the neighbors never forgot about. School teachers (female of course) wore nightcaps. When Susan Partridge was the teacher the boy Lane, on leaving the room one day, took her cap—but “repented at leisure.”

No. 2—P. L. Smith, b. in Chesterfield March 4, 1810, was m. to Mary Smith Oct. 20, 1866, b. in Chester June 21, 1851. Idella, b. in Chesterfield Feb. 13, 1873, m. Rev. W. Hale, Clayton, b. in Worthington March 28, 1881, m. Aug. 16, 1902. Mr. Smith lived at Marshall Smith's place until 1874. In 1873 he bought this place of Joel Thayer, of Joseph Thayer's heirs, of John Pomeroy, of Joseph Ring's heirs. Joseph Ring 1759-1796, bought of Josiah Dwight lot No. 122 for 77£ 5s. 4d. In 1821 William Jackson, with Elkanah Ring who was b. here, lived in the old house on the bank. John Pomeroy bought out the heirs so as to sell the property. Mr. Thayer built the old house which Mr. Smith remodeled into the present one, in 1875. Mr. Smith and wife were charter members of old Granite grange. He has taught school and is one of the best-informed men in this section. He kept on this place seven cows, two pair of oxen, two horses, two pigs and thirty hens. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have always taken a deep interest in the church. Mr. Smith and son gave the new parsonage \$481 28, for which the community is truly grateful. They sold the place Oct. 21, 1903, to Mrs. Maria L. Stone of Philadelphia.

No. 3—Charles Thayer was b. Sept. 2, 1858. His father, who was b. on Long Island Sound, died in Adinersonville prison. Charles Thayer's grandmother, Harriet Thayer, 1798-1858, came to Chesterfield with three children and married Joseph Cole [Plate 1, No. 4]. His mother Lydia was b. in Chester Dec. 15, 1824, d. March 23, 1864. The place has twelve acres of land and

cuts five tons of hay. It was bought of Elijah Willis (who built the house) in 1849, and was formerly a part of the John Pomeroy farm.

No. 4—Mary Burke's house was built in 1849 by William Sanderson who sold it to her. It has had many occupants. Robert Earl Moody, the minister's boy, was born here March 30, 1901. In June, 1903, Alvin Pease lived here, b. in Huntington Oct. 8, 1874, m. Oct. 20, 1899, to Myrtle Anable b. in Worthington in 1874. They began housekeeping at her home, then moved here. Nelson Pease b. July 30, 1900. They moved to West Chesterfield.

No. 5—A. Freeman was b. in Huntington Oct. 2, 1862, coming to Worthington in 1892, m. Jennie Smith May 20, 1893, b. in Chester, Mass., Feb. 21, 1861. They began housekeeping here. The place has 110 acres, keeps five cows, two pair of oxen, two horses, fifty hens and two sheep. Bought of Doctor Conwell, of Isaae Thrasher's heirs, of Charles Smith, of John and Jonathan E. Sanderson, of Luther Pomeroy, of John Pomeroy. Ephraim Phinney and Barzillia Patch have lived here. In 1832 Horace Cole owned the land all about here. [For other records see history of Mr. Bradley's mill.] There is a tradition that the last battle between the Indians and the whites took place back of the barn on this place. This story was told by Captain Pomeroy and certain discoveries indicate that it is true. It is said that the white men ambuscaded the Indians and over a hundred were killed. From that time on this section was free for settlement, whereas previous to 1740 no settler was safe hereabouts. The first cellar hole that one comes to in Mr. Freeman's field is on Simeon Thrasher's place. He bought of Daniel Cowing. David Brunson built the house. At the next place Luke Bonney built the house and sold to Jonathan Bisbee. Amos Warren and Burnice Thrasher have lived here. Down in the pasture was the original Consider Cole place, and this house was built by Samuel Cole, who died here. The family consisted of Joseph, William, Timo-



thy, Eleazer, Elijah and Ebenezer. Their mother m. John Twing. The deed shows that two hundred and seven pounds was paid by Joseph Cole of Chesterfield for land in Worthington where said Samuel Cole lived, not set off to Sarah Twing, wife of Samuel Cole, fifty-nine acres in southeast part of said lot. It was bounded east by the land of John Hurlburt, west on the said widow, north John Howards, south William Higgins. In 1780 this land was sold to William Cole. Perhaps he was the father of Consider and Elijah or brother, the surmise has not been verified. With Simeon Thrasher, who died in 1826 and was in the Revolutionary War, lived his son Ezra and daughter Rachel, Betsy m. Alfred Weeks. The story is told that Arad courted Rachel and finally asked her father if he might marry his daughter. He replied, "Yes, but you can not live with her." He asked, "Why not?" Simeon replied, "She is as much uglier than Betsey as Betsey is uglier than the Devil." And sure enough, he married and only lived with her six weeks. This brings to mind the story of the lady who was asked why she did not marry, whose reply was, "When I find a man uglier than I am I will have him."

No. 6—Mr. Stetson owns this house, which he bought of the town, of Alonzo Angell, of Elisha Kinne, of R. Hatch, Charles Thrasher, of Lewis Smith, Melvin Thrasher, of Abram Stevens who remodeled the old school-house built by Samuel Anable near Witherell's store, making this house. The land belonged to Asa and Benjamin Niles in 1841. They bought it of John Pomeroy. It has had many tenants. Leon Ferron is the present occupant (1904).

No. 7—The stone quarry where Charles Strong gets material for whetstones. It is very interesting to see how time has produced these rock formations. Mr. Charles Strong and Rev. Mr. Moody are the men in the picture.

No. 8—Asa Weeks built the mill, sold to J. E. Witherell. His father Alfred bought an old house near Consider Cole's cemetery and built the house near here, in which many families have lived. Below was an old log house built by Nahum Bryant. The pond just above the mill was called Cole's pond. [See Mr. Freeman's history]

No. 9—The blacksmith shop was built by Doctor Conwell in 1895. Before this time the land was used for horse-sheds and

the old highway. The horse-sheds stood here for sixty years. When Jonathan Sanderson deeded the land to Charles Smith he reserved the right of this land to the owners of the four horse-sheds standing on said land, so that if anyone should claim the land they would have claim of peaceable possessions. It belonged to Jonathan Sanderson, but he sold his rights to Isaac Thrasher, and Doctor Conwell bought of Isaac Thrasher's heirs all the land on this side of the brook. Doctor Conwell rented the shop to different men, finally selling to John Brequet in 1903, b. in Cornwall, Conn., March 27, 1876, m. June 24, 1903, to Lena Hagenann, b. in Goshen county, Conn., May 1, 1871. The first blacksmith shop in town stood opposite George Thrasher's house, and the next above the church which was taken down by T. K. Higgins and made into a basket shop.

No. 10—Charles E. Bradley, b. in Cummington Dec. 31, 1850, was m. Aug. 8, 1882, to Jennie Irwin, b. in Haydenville Aug. 8, 1857. Her brother has been a senator, a councilor and a member of the governor's staff of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley began housekeeping in Cummington. After moving a number of times they came here in 1900. The children are Irwin, b. April 26, 1884; Ivan, Jan. 22, 1886; Franklin, Oct. 6, 1894. Bought of Melvin Thrasher, of John Anable, of Mr. Stevens, of Elijah Cole who rented the store to J. E. Witherell. Mr. Cole bought the place of Elisha Converse who was the first postmaster; he bought of Lewis Smith who built the house, and he of Charles Thrasher who bought the old Solomon Burton place and made the "L." He bought of Rev. Mr. Stockman who dug the cellar and bought the land of Elijah Willis.

No. 11—Bradley's Falls, one of the finest powers hereabouts, having a possible fall of 144 feet. The old sawmill had sixty-five feet fall. It was built by John Pomeroy, raised June 28, 1855, and sold to Charles Smith, to Isaac Thrasher and Consider Cole. He sold to Mr. Thrasher who repaired it at a cost of three hundred dollars. After it was repaired the boys were unable to count the strokes, so had to give up, where before they had passed many hours.

No. 12—Mr. Bradley's shop, having a capacity of 150 gross penholders and brush handles. He also makes gun nipples. Bought of H. D. Bradley who rebuilt the dam and made many



repairs; of Doctor Conwell, of L. Thrasher's heirs, of Charles Smith, of John and Jonathan, Eugene Sanderson. The mill was burned while they owned it. John Pomeroy and Elijah Willis also owned it. Horace Cole had it in his possession twelve years. Samuel Cole was its owner in 1820. The gristmill was burned and Mr. Cole rebuilt it. The mill was once carried away by a flood. David Brunson built the first sawmill about 1770 and sold one-half interest to William Cole who sold to Asa Gottrell, and the other half to Luther Loomis and Simeon Kendall. This mill stood on the west end of lot 35 near Cole's pond, in Chesterfield Loomis and Kendall sold to Asa Gottrell. But little of the foundation is left. The gorge upon which Mr. Bradley's mill stands was bought by Eleazer Ring, bought of Selah Barnard one of the proprietors of Wurthington.

No. 13—Sarah Adams. [See Plate 13, No. 19.] She has one daughter at home, Allison, b. in Chesterfield July 28, 1851. Mr. Adams bought this place of Foster Drake in 1801, he in 1884 of Charles Thrasher, of William Jackson, of Ephraim Jackson, of Nancy Taylor, of her husband John Stanley Taylor. This place was the first Methodist parsonage in South Wurthington John Pomeroy in 1837 sold it to Rev. Ephraim Scott who sold it to the M. E. Society. George Tanner settled here and had these children: Asa 1790, Erastus 1791, Betsey 1793, James 1794, Salama 1797, Esther 1799, Maria 1802, Polly 1804, Relief 1807. He sold to Elisha Brewster. Elijah Willis and Milton Adams have owned this property. The original house stood under the apple tree. The house is probably as old as any in town.

No. 14—Ephraim Anable was b. in the old house that stood

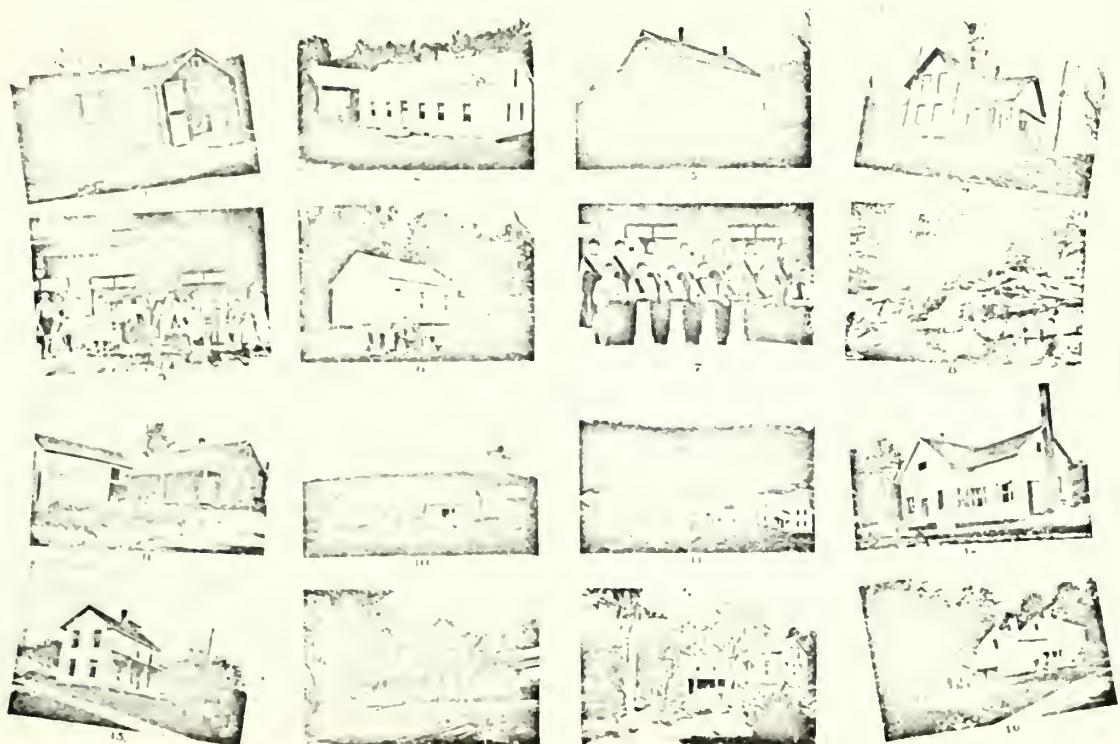
near Mr. Freeman's Oct. 8, 1844. This old house went to make T. K. Higgins' house. Sam Anable and his mother moved to Arthur Witherell's. They traded with Asa Niles, going from Mr. Conwell's farmhouse, where they had lived many years. Ephraim was m. to Ella E. Damon Nov. 11, 1873, b. in Westhampton May 12, 1855. They have always lived here. Rev. Asa Niles built the house and sold to Sam Anable. Elijah Willis bought it in 1859. He was Ephraim's grandfather and lived with him until he died. He gave Mr. Anable life use of it and then it goes to his children. Mr. Willis was a shoemaker, and loved the Methodist church. Mr. Anable's children are Myrtle Pease and Woolbridge Anable. The latter is married and lives away from home. In 1841 Lewis Smith and Cynthia Niles sold this land to John Pomeroy who sold to Rev. Asa Niles. The farm consists of fifty acres of land, keeps one cow, one horse and thirty hens.

No. 15—Looking up the road from Charles Bradley's. The scene is one that speaks for itself.

No. 16—George Thrasher was b. June 28, 1855, the day on which his father and Consider Cole raised a new sawmill, in Hattie Lyman June 1, 1880, b. in Lee Nov. 12, 1862. They began housekeeping [see Plate 3, No. 6], moving to Chester in 1887. In 1890 they moved to Mr. Freeman's house, in 1891 went to Westfield, coming here in 1893. Children: Ora, b. July 17, 1884; Herbert, Dec. 28, 1884; A. Dean, Aug. 27, 1886; Libbeon, Oct. 6, 1891; Guy, Aug. 13, 1900. The house was built by his father Isaac in 1851. He bought the land of Benjamin Niles. It was originally part of the Eleazer Ring farm, called lot 227.



PLATE V



1 Higgins' Mill    2 T. K. Higgins    3 Witherell's Store    4 J. Witherell    5 Washing the Hall    6 Our School    7 Our Ladies' Team  
10 Alonso Sanderson    11 L. Mayhew    12 The Creamery    13 A. Dodge    14 G. Dodge    15 Wadie Kubek  
8 Strong's Falls    9 Kate Higgins    16 Frank Sanderson



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## Chapter XIV. *South Worthington, Ringville*

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No. 1—T. K. Higgins shop. Tyler Smith built the dam. Mr. Higgins bought a shop at Ringville and made the old shop [Plate D, No. 2]. Took the blacksmith shop above the church where Bernice Thrasher had a tin shop and which he had used as a basket shop. In 1882 the present shop was built.

No. 2—T. K. Higgins was b. Oct. 23, 1846, in Ringville where H. D. Bradley's new house now stands. [Plate 6, No. 8.] The place was owned by Elijah, his grandfather. He moved to Lanesboro and then to an old shop opposite Mr. Hancock's house, which had been made into a dwelling house. He next occupied a house in Mrs. Kate Higgins' orchard. From there he moved to the Mill house [Plate 3, No. 13]. He m. Lotte Burke June 30, 1867, b. Jan. 29, 1840. They began housekeeping in the old church, moved to her mother's house, then to this place. Bought of John Cole, of Ruth Smith, or Ephraim Cole administrator for Charles Smith. Tyler Smith took the old house on Freeman's farm and made this place. In 1847 John Sanderson owned the land, his father Jonathan furnishing the money. The land was formerly part of the Eleazer Ring farm, lot No. 227. Henry Burke lives with Mr. Higgins b. in Chicopee Nov. 7, 1846. He enlisted in Co. K, 46th Regiment.

No. 3—J. E. Witherell's store. Manly Stetson b. in Plainfield Nov. 26, 1854, was m. Dec. 24, 1898, to Isabel Stetson b. in Chesterfield March 26, 1870. They began housekeeping in Holly, Mass., moving to this place in March, 1900. They have a daughter Marie, b. March 15, 1900. Mr. Stetson is a horse trader. He has lately bought and taken possession of the Wood place. This store was built by J. E. Witherell in 1882. The land was part of the Sam Anable place, originally lot 227. Mr. Witherell has had the post office ever since the store was built.

No. 4—J. E. Witherell was b. in Westhampton July 16, 1810, going to Huntington when two years old, m. Isabel Martin June 26, 1863, b. in Ireland Feb. 18, 1840. She came to this country

when nine years of age. They began housekeeping in Huntington, moved to Northampton, to Chesterfield, coming here in 1881. They built the house in 1884. They have five children living: Mrs. A. Dodge, Mrs. Howard Cole, B. Witherell, A. Witherell, and Mrs. Bell Stetson. Mr. Witherell's grandfather was Elisha Witherell, whose father was one of the first settlers in Chesterfield.

No. 5—This is the way it is done after every feast.

No. 6—The school-house, built in 1855. It stood at first at the corner above Arthur Witherell's and was known as Burton school-house. The teachers "boarded around," after the custom of those days, and received a salary of seventy cents a week. They were not afraid to use "the persuader." Many of the ministers taught the school, Rev. Ephraim Scott and Rev. Asa Niles being among the number. School has been held in nearly every old house in South Worthington, also the old church, Lydia Mayhew's, and Sam Anable's. The new school-house was completed Aug. 1, 1896, at a total cost of \$350. Sam Anable received six dollars for the land. David Blair contributed thirty-two dollars and four cents, which was more than any other person gave. It was built by taxation, and the vote stood ten to five. Frank Sanderson's red house was built for a school-house, where school was maintained for many years until the district was divided.

No. 7—Granite Grange Degree Team. Old Granite Grange was organized in David Blair's house, and for a few years proved a great blessing to the community. When the members failed to stand by each other it went to pieces. It was reorganized by Mr. Plumb, the grange editor of the *New England Homestead* in 1900, with George T. Dodge as master 1900-01, H. D. Bradley 1902, M. Bates 1903-04. Rev. G. R. Moody was the lecturer for 1900-01, Mrs. Reuben Drake 1902, Mrs. Manly Stetson 1903, Mrs. Rufus Adams 1904. The possibilities are great. What is



needed is a few to put its aims into operation to make it prove a great benefit to the community. Thus far it has been only a social organization.

No. 8—Strong's Falls, from thirty to forty feet below the road on the way from Huntington. They attract a great deal of attention.

No. 9—Frank Sanderson's house, first built for a school-house, was made into a dwelling house by Melvin Thrasher Anson Drake, the present occupant, was born April 8, 1871, m. to Kate Molssynker Nov. 20, 1897; she was b. June 20, 1880. Their children: Albert, b. Feb. 14, 1899; Charles, Sept. 27, 1900; Florence, March 5, 1903.

No. 10—Frank Sanderson, b. June 23, 1843, m. (1) Nancy Shumway, (2) Ella Squires, (3) Julia Drake, Oct. 15, 1877, who was b. on the John Kinne place on Ireland street, Chesterfield, April 26, 1853, d. Aug. 26, 1904. Mr. Sanderson's children are Belle Shaw, Nellie Smith, Mary Messenger, Ethel Wickland, Ida Peterson, Bessie Cowing b. Feb. 24, 1886; Vera, May 2, 1888; William, April 15, 1890; Agnes, June 17, 1895. Frank Sanderson lives with his father Alonso who has given us much information. [Plate 13, No. 17.] Mr. Alonso Sanderson built this house in 1838 and bought the land of Isaac Cole's heirs. The farm contains sixty acres. Daniel Gates settled here first, buying of Timothy Meach in 1780. In 1821 Mr. Gates lived in an old house that stood over the same cellar hole.

No. 11—Lyman Mayhew was b. July 23, 1856, and when a small boy moved to Doctor Conwell's house. When his father sold that house Mr. Mayhew bought this place of George Pease, of Farrington Pease, of William Jackson. Brick was manufactured near here. In 1821 Seth Gardner owned the land and Elijah Gardner built a house on the hill.

No. 12—The Creamery was built in 1894, one hundred shares being taken at twenty-five dollars per share. The building cost three thousand dollars. The first butter was made Jan. 11, 1895. Milo Bates was the butter maker. C. K. Brewster, James Pease and E. Burr first, second and third presidents respectively. The output for December, 1903, was about 6,500 pounds of butter. A new house was built near the creamery in 1903, where Milo Bates lives, who was b. in Cummington Sept. 14, 1868, m. to

Inda Brooks Jan. 4, 1899, b. June, 1874. Grace E. B. March 15, 1900; Robert B. Dec. 25, 1901.

No. 13—Arthur Dodge, b. July 10, 1851, in the old house [Plate 6, No. 1] above W. Smith's was, m. Dec. 10, 1889, to Annette Witherell, b. in Chesterfield June 19, 1867. They began housekeeping in the house [Plate 5, No. 15], moving to their present home in 1890. On the place are kept four cows, a pair of oxen, two horses, twenty hens and one pig. There are eighty-eight acres of land which Mr. Dodge bought of Webster Alderman, who bought of David Sanderson's heirs, and they of Ethan Ring. David Sanderson moved the school-house and constructed the house which was burned. Mr. Dodge built this house.

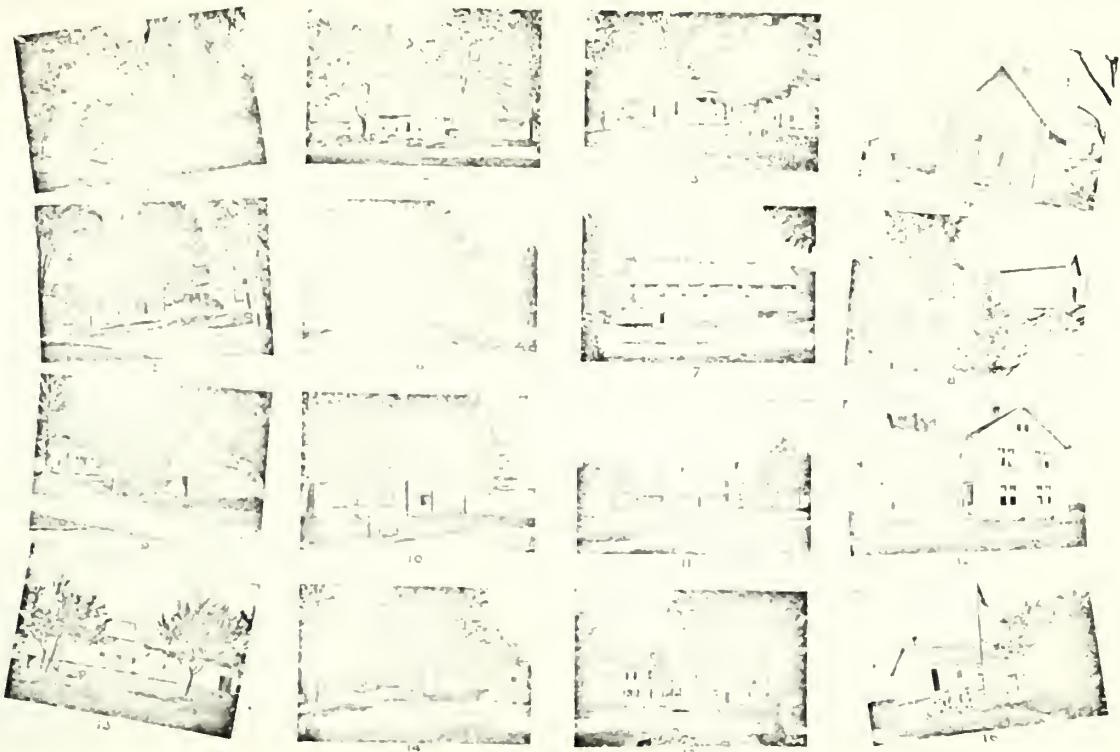
No. 14—George T. Dodge, b. Feb. 5, 1868, m. Jennie Bird Oct. 15, 1894, b. in Windsor, Mass., Aug. 30, 1874. They began housekeeping here in 1894. Mr. Dodge bought of Peleg Davis, of Will Hayden, of Jonathan Higgins, of William Cole, of Ethan Ring who built the house. Children: Edwin, b. April 17, 1896; Marion, July 19, 1897; Homer, Jan. 24, 1899; Sheridan, Nov. 15, 1902. There are about 100 acres in this farm. George Dodge was elected selectman in 1903 [see Plate 13, No. 2].

No. 15—Widak Kubek was b. June 18, 1869, in Poland near the Russian line. His parents died when he was young. He came to this country in 1890. Bought of A. Dodge, of Fannie Hayden, of William Higgins, of John Cowing, of Arad Higgins, of Elkanah Ring who built the house. The farm now contains thirty acres, keeping four head of cattle, forty hens, one pig, and cuts three tons of hay.

No. 16—Mrs. Kate Higgins, b. Dec. 22, 1817, m. (1) Eleazer Cole (son of John Cole) and lived on the L. Granger place [Plate 1, No. 12]. They moved to the Coit place near Gaston Smith's in 1863. The farm had been in the Coit family for years, they (Eleazer Cole) sold to Simeon Merritt and moved to Chesterfield on Nov. 9th, a noted day, two deaths and two births having occurred on that day. Mrs. Higgins m. (2) Billings Higgins, and lived on the hill. [Plate 6, No. 2.] After Mr. Higgins' death Mrs. Higgins bought this place of C. F. Cole and rented the place on the hill for a while, then sold it to Howard Cole, her son. The place was bought of William Cole, of Stephen D. Fuller, of Elkanah Ring who built it.



PLATE 17



1 Dodge's Old House    2 Drake's Old House    3 J. W. Smith    4 School-house    5 C. W. Smith  
 6 H. Drake    7 H. Bradley's Mill    8 Bradley's House    9 Z. H. Hancock  
 10 Bright's Place    11 H. D. Prentiss    12 A. Fairman    13 William's Place  
 14 View of the Road    15 James Pease    16 School-house



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## Chapter XV. Ringville, James Pease District

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No. 1—George Dodge's old place was owned by Edwin Dodge, and is known as the Metelef place. Mr. Dodge's father bought it of Patrick Bryant, of Captain Ring.

No. 2—R. Drake's old place and barn were bought of C. W. Smith who had it of Howard Cole, of his mother, of Billings Higgins, of Captain Ring, of John and Moses Buck.

No. 3—William Smith, b. on the Gibson or Ladd place [Plate 5, No. 15] March 10, 1864, was m. Dec. 30, 1892, to Mabel Granger, b. in Russell March 26, 1874. They began housekeeping in their present home Pearl Smith (Mr. Smith's niece), b. May 12, 1897. Mr. Smith's father, Miles, d. Dec. 7, 1899, was brother of C. W. Smith. They keep seven cows, two horses, forty-four hens and six pigs. The farm contains 150 acres and cuts forty tons of hay. Will Smith bought the place of his father who had it of William Cole, of Thomas Ring who built it in 1844. Mr. Smith has the Milton Adams place where Noah Morse settled; it contains ninety-four acres.

No. 4—Ringville school-house. The first school-house was built in the forks of the road opposite Mr. Hancock's barn, then near the old house [Plate 6, No. 1], and next at top of the hill. This school-house was taken down to the place where Arthur Dodge lives and made into a dwelling house, but later burned. The children went to school at Frank Sanderson's house. [Plate 5, No. 9.] The district was divided and the present school-house was built. [See old folks history for story.]

No. 5—Charles W. Smith, b. on Melvin Thrasher's place April 28, 1836, was m. March 19, 1856, by Rev. Daniel Wait, to Flavia Cole, b. Sept. 11, 1838, on Gaston Smith's place. When Mr. Smith was seventeen years of age he moved to Johnson and Hescock's place. They began housekeeping on M. Thrasher's place, moved to Ephraim Cole's place next to Gaston Smith, to Kate Higgins', to the old house next to Mr. Hancock's, to Lyman Mayhew's, to Hiram Higgins', to Mrs. Blair's, to George Dodge's,

then to this place. He attended school in the old Burton school-house. In 1850 his father kept six cows, one pair of oxen, one horse and eight hens. Lewis Smith died Jan. 18, 1864, Cleveland, b. April 15, 1866, lives with his grandfather. Bought of Haydenville bank, of Fannie Hayden, of Ethan Ring who built the house.

No. 6—Reuben Drake, b. in Chesterfield April 4, 1849, m. Wealthy A. Finch Nov. 26, 1868, b. in Southampton March 6, 1851. They began housekeeping in Huntington, moved to Southampton, came to Billings Higgins' place in 1872, to Mrs. Gannon's place, to Farrington Pease's place in 1881. They spent a part of the year 1900 in Connecticut. Their children are: Anson, Lillian, Florence b. Aug. 15, 1886; Fred b. Aug. 20, 1888. Bought this place of Mrs. Edward Cole, whose husband had it of his father Seth Cole, he of William Higgins and others, of Widow Moore, of John Niles. William Higgins, father of old Elijah, came here in 1762 and owned about a thousand acres. [See Higgins history.]

No. 7—H. D. Bradley bought this shop in 1900 of C. W. Smith, of Haydenville bank, of Mr. Hayden, of C. W. Cole, of William Cole and William Dickerson who built the mill. The fall is ten feet. The output is 600 gross of penholders and brush handles per week. Alkanah and Converse Ring bought the gristmill and made it into a wagon shop. The Rings built many of these houses, hence the name Ringville. They sold the shop to Stephen & Tullett Company, who did quite a business. The shop was destroyed by fire in 1858, when William Cole bought the remains.

No. 8—H. D. Bradley at work on a new house—a fine one the latest erected in our community. He was b. in Cummington June 9, 1860; came to Worthington in 1890; in July 5, 1904, to Azuba Clark, b. in Cummington. They began housekeeping here. He bought part of the old John Cott place of H. Witt I. Thrasher,



of Simeon Merritt, of Eleazer Cole, of John Cott. Here is where Thomas Buck first settled. He bought the house lot of Mr. Hancock, of George Smith, of C. W. Smith, of William Dickerson and Zenas Hancock, of Elijah Higgins. Stephen and Davis Converse settled here in a log house, and Ditus Partridge built the first house.

No. 9—Z. H. Hancock built this house. [See Plate 13, Nos. 20-21.] He bought eleven rods of land of Josiah Kingman, part of the farm of William Dickerson who owned the east part of the William Cott place. Brick was made in Mr. Hancock's pasture. Opposite this house William Cott built a house which he sold to Luther Higgins. It was carried away by a freshet, rebuilt and destroyed by fire. Ethan Ring built a tool shop by reconstructing an old sawmill near the Center. Later it was made into a hen-house. Jonathan Higgins bought the mill site and erected a mill for the building of sleds. This was partly burned and the rest taken down. Reuben Adams built the second sawmill and grist-mill near this place. He was no relation to Rufus Adams. [See Plate D, No. 4.]

No. 10—William Briggs, b. in Adams Sept. 27, 1802, was m. (1) June 10, 1804, to Ida M. Scott who d. 1802; (2) Eliza Green Nov. 5, 1903. His children: Irving b. Feb. 14, 1806, Roy, May 17, 1807; Helen, July 10, 1808; Wesley, March 20, 1804. The farm contains 100 acres, keeps five head of cattle, two horses and one pig, and cuts thirteen tons of hay. Bought of Mrs. Elisha Hayden, of George Pease, of Farrington Pease, Samuel Porter, or Harvey Dewey, of Isaiah Kingman, William Cott. Ezra Cleveland settled near here.

No. 11—Dwight L. Prentice b. April 8, 1842, was m. May 20, 1868, to Jane Gleason, b. Sept. 20, 1844. They began house-keeping in Chesterfield and bought here in 1870. One child, Ina, b. Oct. 8, 1870, m. to Merritt Smith Oct. 12, 1887, b. June 9, 1866. Mr. Smith buried his only child. Bought the place of S. H. King, of Edward Chapman, of Amos Cole's heirs. Amos Leonard settled here in the peach orchard where the first house was built. When Samuel D. Converse came to town he lived near the windmill. Mrs. Prentice's mother was Martha Brewster 1816-1850, her father, Darwin Gleason. Mr. Prentice's father was Alpheus Prentice 1802-1887, mother, Sarah

— — 1800-1869. His uncles were Leonard 1798-1842, and Rufus Prentice 1796-1874, wife Emily Wood 1795-1877. His grandfather Ira 1769-1832, wife Abigail 1775-1869, came from Preston, Conn., with his father, Joseph 1727-1791, wife Abigail 1740-1820, settling on the Rush place. *Other people by the name of Prentice:* Capt. Jonathan Prentice 1789-1864, wife Charity 1787-1876, Louisa, wife of Sylvester Prentice 1819-1867; Daniel Prentice 1823-1852; G. Maria Prentice 1814-1863; Eunice Prentice, wife of Phineas, 1814-1845; Sarah Prentice, wife of Reuben Allen, 1740-1827; Cynthia Prentice, wife of Noah Bissell, 1766-1827; William Prentice 1781-1842, wife Theoda, 1784-1858; Evelyn E. Prentice 1849-1874, wife of Judson Leonard.

No. 12—Asa Fairman, b. in Killingford, Conn., March 10, 1856, was m. July 23, 1878, to Laura Wilson, b. in Hebron, Conn., June 3, 1856. They came to Worthington Nov. 6, 1896; Fred b. in West Brookfield May 18, 1885; Maleom, April 22, 1889; Merton, in West Springfield, June 13, 1891. The farm contains 200 acres of land, keeps six head of cattle, five horses and 100 hens, and cuts thirty tons of hay. Bought of L. B. Cook, of Fred Converse, C. F. Cole, of Charles Parson, of S. H. King, of Charles Cole, of Elijah Cole, of Rufus Taylor. Col. Ebenezer Webber settled here and led men in the Revolutionary War. In 1821 Thomas Taylor made large hair combs for ladies. The old house stood down the road toward the Converse place.

No. 13—The Sam Converse farm, owned by Mrs. J. A. Wilson. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Williams, Charles A. Williams and wife, Helen Wilson, a niece, live here during the summer and find it a delightful resort. They bought the place of the Converse heirs. Here Samuel Converse lived for many years. His wife and two invalid daughters, members of our church, are excellent examples of Christian faith and trust in Almighty God. [Mrs. Converse's history, Plate 13, No. 12.] Mr. Converse bought of Isaac Gleason. Dea. Jonathan Brewster, b. 1734, came from Preston, Conn., 1777, and built a log house. Sydney Brewster built the present house. A white rock valuable in making false teeth is found here. Down below here William Moore and wife lived. He always came to church and the older people often speak of him as Uncle Bill Moore.

Nos. 14-15—James Pease, b. in Middlefield Aug. 22, 1839,



was m. to Eliza Cole Aug. 17, 1863, b. in Chesterfield in 1846. They began housekeeping here. Children: Edwin m. (1) Bartlett, (2) Maynard, Mary m. Todd, Howard m. Damon, Horace m. (1) Drew, (2) Acha. The farm contains 260 acres and keeps forty head of cattle, three horses, forty-five hens, and two pigs, and cuts seventy-five tons of hay. Mr. Pease's stock are full-blooded Durham. His father bought of Edward Sampson, of Thomas Kinnie. Jonah Brewster built the present house. The old one stood a little to the west. Benjamin Bigelow settled near here.

Thomas Taylor near the school-house. Mr. Pease's grandfather Daniel lived on the John Williams place in Middlefield. His children: Daniel Pease, Jr., settled here, Sally m. Root, and Mary, Walter, Stephen, Silv m. Smith, Eldredge, Morgan, Amanda m. Crane, Arnold, Harriet m. Taylor, Laura A. m. Stevens. Daniel Pease, Sr.'s, father's name was Israel.

No. 10. The school-house has always stood on this site. It has been kept in fair repair.

## M E E T I N G O F Q U A R T E R L Y C O N F E R E N C E

Officers chosen for 1905 are:—Stewards, A. G. Drake, R. H. Adams, Z. H. Hancock, C. W. Smith, Reuben Drake, Lora Adams, Flavia Smith, Eva Converse, trustees, A. G. Drake, Z. H. Hancock, R. H. Adams, C. W. Smith, L. H. Converse, benevolent committee, Lora Adams, Gertrude Smith, Effie Higgins, Eva Converse, Nellie Smith; music committee, Lora Adams, Gaston Smith, Nellie Smith, Z. H. Hancock, parsonage committee, Hattie Hescock, Lora Adams, Eva Converse, Emma Cole, Ida Johnson, estimating committee, A. G. Drake, R. H. Adams, C. W. Smith; finance committee, Eva Converse, Arthur Drake, Rufus Adams, Reuben Drake, Hattie Hescock, recording steward, Mrs. Lora Adams; district steward, C. W. Smith. This resolve was passed by the membership.

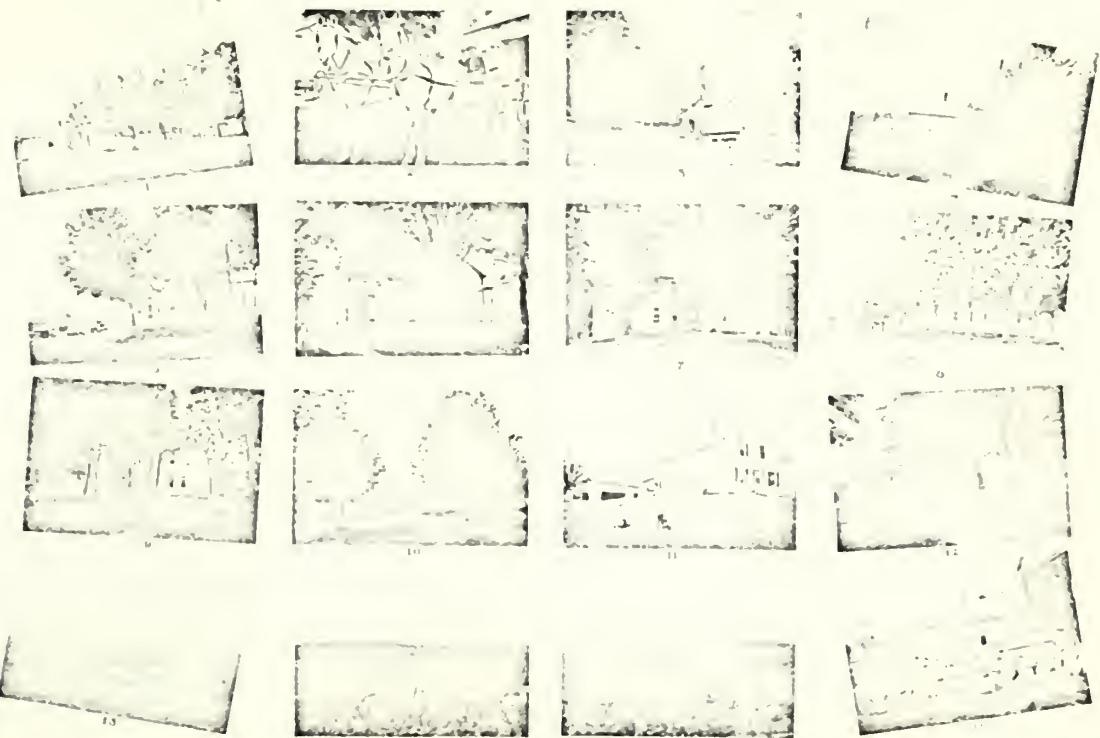
"Whereas, Rev. and Mrs. George R. Moody are soon to leave us for a larger field of labor, after a six-years' stay among us,

Resolved, That we desire to express to them our heartfelt thanks for their unselfish and devoted labors among us. That we realize that our parsonage is in a large measure due to their untiring efforts, and that their most earnest desire has been for our spiritual advancement.

Resolved, That we wish them every success in their new fields of labor, and pray that they may be abundantly blest."



PLATE VII



1. R. Adams    2. Going to Church    3. Sugar Place    4. Rush Place    5. L. Higgins    6. B. Pease    7. Union Johnson    8. Fraser's Place    9. Mr. Engelman    10. Coleman's Place  
 11. Gaston Smith    12. G. Granger    13. Ireland St.    14. South Worthington, looking North    15. The Hens    16. The Hens



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## Chapter XVI. *R. Adams to George Granger Place*

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No. 1—Rufus Adams was b. in Colrain, Mass., April 8, 1838. Came to Worthington when a small boy and lived two years, then his parents moved back. His father dying, his mother returned to the old homestead, which she bought of Deacon Brewster. She m<sup>t</sup> Alpheus Prentice. Mr. Adams m<sup>t</sup> Lora Ormsby Dec. 25, 1882, b. in Chester Aug. 10, 1863. They took care of Mr. Adams' mother on the Leonard place and lived there five years after her death, then moved here where Mrs. Adams took care of her mother until her death. The farm supports eight head of cattle, two horses and forty hens, contains 182 acres, and cuts thirty-five tons of hay. Mr. Ormsby bought the place of Oscar Cushman, of his father Simeon Jonathan Prentice settled here first. This is called lot No. 61.

No. 2—Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Adams going to church—a five-mile ride. They are to be commended for their faithfulness and may their zeal never fail. Mrs. Adams has been our organist for twelve years. Mr. Adams has in his possession his grandfather Leonard's Bible (1815). He is one of the trustees and a steward in the Methodist church.

No. 3—A typical sugar place where the old fashioned maple sugar is made by the use of an evaporator. The grove contains over 2,000 trees, and 1,250 tubs are required to gather the sap.

No. 4—Charles N. Rush, b. in the northeast part of Dutchess County, New York, Aug. 28, 1838, m<sup>t</sup> Sarah E. Fuller June 20, 1858, b. same place Dec. 4, 1838. Their children are Frank b. Oct. 24, 1860, lives in Chester village. William b. April 9, 1862. Alfred b. July 17, 1860. Arthur b. March 11, 1876, m<sup>t</sup> Georgianna Ruel of Littleville July, 1900. The children b. in Canaan, Conn [Their daughter see No. 6 of this Plate]. They bought the place of Thomas Hunt, of Alpheus Prentice, of Joseph Prentice who settled here in 1770. This is lot No. 125.

No. 5—Lewis Higgins, b. in Ringville Sept. 27, 1856, d. Jan. 20, 1905, was m<sup>t</sup> to Effie Pease March 8, 1888, b. in Worthington

Jan. 17, 1867. His mother d. Aug. 14, 1863. They began house-keeping here. Her mother lives with them and they have two State boys. [See Plate 1, No. 14.] Bought of Lydia Bird Jonathan Brewster, Jr., built the house. The farm contains 210 acres, keeps twelve head of cattle, two horses and thirty hens, and cuts thirty tons of hay.

No. 6—Barent Pease, b. in Chester Aug. 10, 1868, was m<sup>t</sup> to Effie Rush July 21, 1886, b. Feb. 12, 1867. They came to Worthington in 1900. They care for four State boys. Mr. Pease is the superintendent of the Sunday-school at the Center. The house was built by Rufus Leonard, his father gave him the land. Sold to Levi Adams, to Jonathan Brewster, to Mrs. Levi Adams whose second husband was Alpheus Prentice. When she died the place went to Rufus Adams. He sold it to William Blinn, to Mr. Pease. In the upper lot Nathaniel Leonard built a log house beside the spring.

No. 7—Almon Johnson was b. Sept. 8, 1858. His sister Clara was b. Nov. 28, 1854. In this farm are 100 acres. It keeps twenty head of cattle, two horses, and fifty hens. He bought the place of his father. Southwest is the Leonard place. South, the Ebenezer William (1741-1815) place. He came from Canterbury, Conn., and settled in Worthington. He sold the place for a thousand dollars, and before he could buy another the government repudiated the money. He then came and settled here. The foundation of the house is still to be seen. His son Leonard 1770-1850, wife Olive Wardsworth 1778-1838 had these children Jabin B., James H., Jannette, Ann m<sup>t</sup> Bartlett, Jabin 1800-1859, wife Lydia Wilson. Their children L. B., Cynthia m<sup>t</sup> I. D. Clark; Henry F., Charles, James H. 1805-1880, wife Mary Prentice 1800-1897. One child, Whitman P., who owned the gristmill in Huntington. He says the farmers bought more grain in 1870 than they do now. James Benjamin 1738-1821, wife Eunice 1760-1805, also lived near.



No. 8 The Frazer place. Many people summer here bought the place of Jennie Guard, of W. Alderman, of Mr. Blackman, of E. G. Hazen who lived here many years.

No. 9 Gustav Engelmann and wife have bought this place. They were born in Germany, but came here from New York. Their children, Walter b. 1882, George 1884, Elsbeth 1886. Mr. Engelmann is a designer. His farm of sixty-five acres he bought of Jennie Guard, of Mr. Korn, of the town, of Isaiah Leach, of Zenos Hancock, of Mr. Cuslman. He was a minister of the Gospel and died in Jordanyville. His mother was Thadis Prentiss.

No. 10—Sarah Marie Brewster Coleman was b. in Oberlin, Ohio, and came to this place in 1900. Bought of Mrs. Eliza Pease, of Lyman Todd in 1897, 1882 of Joseph Dolby, 1870 of Horace Cole, of Milton Brewster, of Jonathan Brewster who built the house and brought the white rocks from his father's farm. There are fan lights over the front door, and five old-fashioned fireplaces in the house. The farm contains 100 acres, and cuts forty tons of hay.

No. 11—Gaston Smith, b. Jan. 30, 1857, m. (1) Eliza Thrasher Sept. 5, 1876. She (b. in 1853) d. July 22, 1886, leaving

two boys and one girl. M. (2) Nellie Sanderson May 13, 1888, b. Dec. 6, 1868. Their children are Byron b. April 15, 1889, Leon, July 13, 1898. His sons are Morris b. July 1, 1881, Cleveland lives with his grandfather. The farm contains 160 acres, and keeps six head of cattle, a pair of oxen and two horses. Had the place of Merrick Cole, of Doctor Bridge. John Howard settled here. The first night Daniel Daniels spent in town he camped a little east of here. Mosquitoes were so numerous and bold that one of the children thought they would devour him. There was a hotel here for a number of years.

No. 12—George Granger died here. Bought of I. Thrasher, Jr., who had the place of his father, Daniel Meacham. Eli Metcalf and many others have occupied these premises. The line between Chesterfield and Worthington runs through the middle of this house. A few feet in Chesterfield was an old house.

No. 13—Looking up Ireland street.

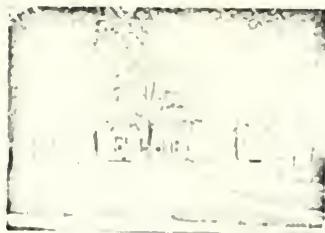
Nos. 14-15—Looking toward South Worthington from the hillside.

No. 16—Hens the raising of which is to become a more generally-adopted industry of the country towns in the future.





PLATE VIII



1 Brewster's Store    2 Brewster's House    3 Dr. W. J. Parmelee    4 The Parsonage    5 Town Hall    6 The Church    7 The Hotel - Rear View    8 The Hotel - Front View    9 Cole's Store



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## Chapter XVII.—Worthington Center

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No. 1—Brewster's store, built in 1812 by E. H. Brewster and his cousin Sydney. They ran it together for ten years, then E. H. sold to Sydney. In company with his son he kept the store for fifteen years when E. H. bought it, who together with his son C. K., beginning in 1865, ran the store until 1878, when C. K. bought his father's interest, and has made a record of which any man might well be proud. In 1904 C. K. was obliged to give up the business, and his son Howard has taken his father's place.

No. 2—The home of the Brewsters. Cape Elasha Brewster bought this place and kept a hotel. About this place was the old training ground where formerly the militia trained three days in each year. Elasha had this place of his father and built the house in 1855. His son C. K. has made improvements so that now he has a beautiful country home.

No. 3—Sydney Brewster erected this building for a Physicians' Home, and it has been used as such for a great many years. Doctor Lyman set out the shade trees. Doctor Parmentee now occupies the place, and has made many improvements. The following physicians have lived in town: Drs. Morse, Starkweather, Marsh, Brewster, Porter, Richards, Dwight, Spear, Rodgers, Case, Pierce, Meekins, Holland, D. Pierce, H. Starkweather, Wheeler Bois, Colt, Brown, Prevost, Lyman, Knowlton, Freeland, Smith, A. Pierce, Coy, Barton, Seymour, Kimball, Gibbs, and Parmentee.

No. 4—The Congregational parsonage. Rev. A. J. Allen enjoys a beautiful home. It is owned by the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

No. 5—The Town Hall. The Town meetings were held at Alexander Miller's tavern from 1768-1770, and then in the church. Occasionally they were held in some house until 1828 when this hall was built. The selectmen of our town in 1904 were Samuel Cole, Willard Jones and George T. Dodge.

No. 6 The Congregational church was organized April 1, 1771. Building moved and reconstructed in 1792, repaired in 1825 and 1850, burned in 1887. Only three of the original pew holders of the 1870 sale are now living. This handsome edifice was dedicated May 7, 1888. The committee consisted of Rev. F. S. Huntington, W. A. Rice, J. H. Lager and Dr. L. V. Gibbs. The record of this church's special revivals is: 1780, fifty-three united with the church; 1798, fifty-four, 1808, one hundred and thirteen, 1819, one hundred, 1827, thirty-two, 1842, forty-eight, 1850, forty-nine. The town paid the expenses of the church until 1865. In 1870 the church was repaired at an expense of between four and five thousand dollars, and paid for by selling the pews. The first pastor was Rev. Jonathan Huntington, settled in 1771, 1781. Rev. Josiah Spanbland, 1788-1794. Rev. Jonathan Pomeroy, 1794-1832, Rev. Henry Adams, 1833-1838, Rev. J. H. Bissell, 1838-1867; Rev. D. S. Morgan, 1867-1869, Rev. J. F. Gaylor, 1870-1873, Rev. D. Powers, 1873-1875, Rev. H. M. Stone, 1875-1877; Rev. Wm. Bassett called 1878. Rev. Samuel Hoples, 1879-1882; Rev. S. F. Huntington, 1883 until his death. Rev. Camp, 1894-1898; Rev. Creelman, 1890-1894; Rev. A. J. Allen, 1900-1903. Barent Pease is superintendent of the Sunday school.

Nos. 7-8 Hotel front and back. Alford Trow b. Aug. 10, 1863, in Adams, Mass., was in March 8, 1882, to Ida S. Bartlett, b. Jan. 18, 1861. They began housekeeping in Worthington. Mr. Trow built this hotel, costing about \$15,000. It is one of the best equipped hotels to be found among the hills. It is fourteen miles from Huntington station on the B. & A. R. R. and is reached by stage, which leaves the station on the arrival of the four o'clock train. Hinsdale station, ten miles distant, is also reached by stage, which leaves on the arrival of the one o'clock train, reaching the hotel at four o'clock. The rates are from ten to fifteen dollars per week. A stable adjoins where horses

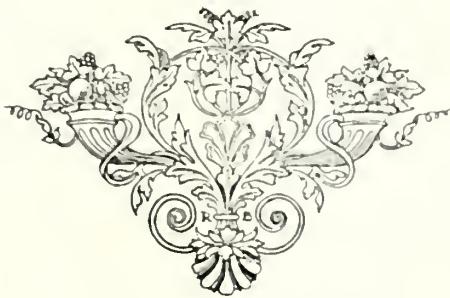


are kept to let. Every possible attention is paid to all guests. In this ideal mountain resort, 1,500 feet above the sea level, there is a new drive for each day in the week, more beautiful than those of the Alps. Taking a bird's-eye view one sees Bryant's birthplace, the Gorge, the Jams, the Judges' Cave, the West Worthington Falls having a descent of 100 feet, and other interesting points too numerous to mention. The present hotel was built in 1898, the old one in 1866. Before this an old house occupied this site, and earlier still a barn and blacksmith shop. A certain family has visited this hotel and written their names on the back of a picture every year since 1871.

No. 9—Cole's store, built in 1845 Horace Cole and Simeon

Clapp kept the store for four years, C. C. Parish six and one-half years; then Horace Cole and son until 1875, who were followed by Samuel Cole, the present owner. This building was put up in 1860. William Gove and William Ward have also run this store. A post-office was established here before the neighboring towns had any, and it was for many years the only one between Northampton and Pittsfield. It was opened in 1804. Col. William Ward was appointed postmaster and held the office for forty-six years.

We have given our readers but a glimpse of this very attractive part of our community—the Center.





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## Chapter XVIII. Odds and Ends

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**S**UCCESS is the right use of time  
Hindsight wins a thousand victories where foresight  
barely manages to achieve one — *Lance*.  
In 1777 Burgoyne's army march through the town  
in two divisions.

Westfield River was called Agawam River in olden times  
"Dwight's Travels" gives a description of the Chesterfield  
Gorge.

The author of the following lines is unknown, but they hit  
local affairs

Peter the Great maintained by the state  
Peter, my son thinketh he should be  
Peter the third, says not a word  
For he knows no such thing could be  
Pomeroy too his pension drew  
Jackson does no thing better  
The half and the lame could all do the same  
How Uncle Sam's money wold scatter

In 1633, John Oldham found some black lead. The Indians told him there was a whole rock of the same kind — *Wuthrop's History of New England*, page 178.

When a child was born a firebrand was waved around the room

Blacksmith shop near Marshall Smith's house  
A tannery near Hescock and Johnson place  
Among those who carried mail were Chester Anable, William Jackson, Albert Meacham's grandfather. It came once a week  
The newspaper of their time was the *Hampshire Gazette*

New road to Chesterfield was built from Meadow Brook in 1857.

Ephraim Phinney was found dead under the maple tree back of Freeman's barn

The road from Higgins to the bridge was built in 1833-4  
Road from bridge to Charles Strong's was built by Ezra and Thomas Ringe in 1843.

The house south of Earl Cowing's was called the John King place, and the next one to it the Leach or Buck place. The old well beside the road remains.

Coffins were home-made in the early days. Everybody went to the grave

A mug of flip was made by taking a red-hot iron and putting it in a mug of rum.

In the lifetime of one of our citizens fifty houses were either burned or abandoned.

At the time the General Court voted to sell the ten townships, Feb. 17, 1762, it was made one of the conditions of the sale of Township No. 3 (Worthington) that within five years from 1762 sixty settlers must establish their residence there in houses at least twenty four by eighteen feet in size, seven-foot posted, and must have seven acres of land cleared and fenced. It was also voted that one lot should be reserved for the school, one for the minister, and one for a man named Clapp. The proprietors' records are not to be found. It is quite certain that the first survey must have included sixty-three lots. There is little doubt that the first settler was Samuel Clapp. [For reference see Chapter 16, 1708, Acts of Commonwealth.] In 1794, Chapter 18, "An act for setting off Cyrus Buck and Levi Stockwell and their families, also part of their estates, from Chester and annexing them to Worthington." Passed June 21, 1799. Reference is here made to the land added to the southeast corner of Worthington.

From 1630-1640 twenty-one thousand people came to New England in two hundred and ninety-eight vessels. Cromwell



sent between four and five hundred Scotch prisoners to Massachusetts Bay colony in 1651. In 1685 one hundred and fifty families of French Huguenots came, and in 1719 one hundred Scotch-Irish.

Pilgrims separated from the English church. Puritans staid by it.

1775 men and women began to sit together in church. They occupied separate places so that the men could resist the attacks of the Indians.

Doctor Morse was borne to his grave by Revolutionary soldiers whom he opposed. When near the yard the coffin broke open, and the corpse rolled out upon the ground, whereupon one of the soldier-bearers remarked, "Habitual contrariness was always a characteristic of him."

A saloonist wants to run a saloon because he wants cents;  
The petitioner signs his petition because he lacks sense,  
The saloonist works his sense in such a way to get cents  
The petitioner gets no cents by the deal and shows his lack of sense  
One is a fool for cents and the other is a fool for lack of sense.  
—*Reform Herald*.

"Four things a man must learn to do  
If he would make his record true  
To think without confusion clearly  
To love his fellow-men, sincerely  
To act from honest motives purely  
To trust in God and heaven sincerely."  
—W. F. M.

"We know so little of the hearts  
That everywhere around us beat,  
So little of the inner life  
Of those whom day by day we greet.  
Oh, it behoves us one and all  
Gently to deal with those we meet."  
—Unknown

A doctor before his class, discussing diseases affecting the different parts of the body, was commenting on the eyes and other parts; running his hand over the patient he remarked that even the teeth showed the patient's condition. "Here, sir," she said, taking out her teeth, "you can pass them around."

Tobacco will destroy lice, but larkspur is better. It may be used to drive away moths, but camphor is as good. It is a good emetic, but mustard is better. It will drive away mosquitoes, but pennyroyal is as good. It makes the breath offensive, but onions are better. It is not the cheapest thing for any purpose only to kill men, destroy the mind, keep boys from growing and make them think they are men.

Quality, not place:

Said A. "Whene er I stand between the letters B and D,  
I'm in the midst of all that's B&D, you can plainly see."  
"How strange!" said merry laughing E. "When I between them am,  
I'm tucked up comfortably in B&D, and happy as a clam."  
"It's quality within ourselves," then mused letter A.  
"And not the place we occupy makes us sad or gay."  
—*St. Nicholas*

"De man dat has to learn by experience," said Uncle Eben,  
"is generly so near broke when he gits his information dat he  
can't use it."

Liberty of conscience shall not justify practice inconsistent  
with the peace and safety of the State.—*Judge Goodrich*.

"Gladys, you know that my folks call me Bill."  
She—"That's all right, my pa and ma call me Toadie."

Flo—"Do you love me, sweet?"  
Will—"Dearly."  
"Would you die for me?"  
"No, mine is an undying love."

"I'm no prizefighter," said the laundryman, "but if anyone gives me cuffs I do them up."

Umbrellas made and used in Boston 1768. Parasols began  
to appear 1775.

Martin Conwell gave ten dollars to John Brown of the Harper's Ferry raid.

Doctor Conwell secured the post-office for South Worthington.

In the building of the church Rev. Asa Niles gave the  
most, Martin Conwell next, and Alonzo Sanderson third.



WEST WORTHINGTON



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## Chapter XIX. *West Worthington Church*

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THE forests adjoining the Middle Branch of the Westfield River at one time contained a large supply of hemlock, and along its banks were built many tanneries. While the bark lasted the people who lived here were tanners, but when it failed most of them moved away, and then came a class of people whom we call Road Builders, for here, in every direction, are to be found roads. In the early days this section was traveled by Circuit Riders, men who were willing to suffer anything if only they might preach the Gospel, often enduring storms, floods, and even insufficient food and clothing, not infrequently neglected by those for whom they toiled. The saddle horse was their best friend. Many stories have been written about both the patient Gospel messenger and his faithful horse. But by his suffering he became a mighty man in prayer, and as a result revivals took place that are responsible for many a chapel now planted on the hillside or in the shelter of some high ridge. It is always a pleasant surprise to the traveler

from town to town as he comes around a bend in the road, to suddenly behold the old-fashioned white church on yonder hill, or coming down a slope see a chapel planted at a spot sheltered from the severe storms. Often men and women leaving such a chapel after service are surprised ere they reach home to find the storm so severe.

For many years West Worthington was attached to the Troy Conference, and went by the name of Middlefield and West Worthington. Sometimes it has been attached to Hinsdale, or Windsor, and often Jordanville. We find that class meetings were held here as early as 1801. Thomas Ward and his wife, Daniel Fadley and wife, David Cross and wife, Samuel Brown and wife, Jesse Brown and wife the Gilberts, Rhoads, Tidcots, and also Mrs. Elizab. Churchill in Middlefield, all were active in the service of the church. Thomas was known far and near as "Father Ward." These men traveled the circuit and held meetings in our school-houses. Revs. Peter Oakley, Bradley Selleck, Shurtleff, Morgan, Boxley,



WEST WORTHINGTON METHODIST CHURCH



Cobb, Johns, Gilbert, Washburn, Sawyer, and Pollock. They met with much opposition in West Worthington, the district often endeavoring to vote them out, but the controversies always ended by authorizing the janitor to do as he pleased. These school-house meetings were discontinued in 1847. The janitors were always glad to open the school-house for these meetings. The last man to perform this office was Paul Granger of Florence.

Among the men whose efforts built the present chapel were A. B. Medbury, John Ross, Captain Gaylord, Henry Pierce and Oren Brown. The old store at the corner was moved to this spot, a front and a belfry added, making the neat church of today. Rev. J. P. Jordan lived in James Leslie's house and was pastor when this church was built in 1847. Rev. W. W. Atwater occupied Edmund Thayer's house. Rev. Thomas McMaster lived in the house just above Doctor Hardy's place. Rev. Mr. Slyers also ministered to the wants of this people. The early records were in the hands of Henry Pierce, and have never been turned over to the society, so are not available for fuller details of its history.

Services are held in this church from April to January. For a few seasons they had no preacher, but since 1870 preaching has been continuous. These men have served this people: 1871-2, W. H. Adams, 1873-4, J. W. Cole, 1877, A. Lawrence and Joseph Wood, 1878; Joseph Wood, 1879; Smith; 1880, A. Terrill and J. F. Allen; 1881-2, J. F. Allen, 1883, A. A. Graves, 1884, B. F. Kingly; 1885-6, John K. Thompson, 1887, A. A. Graves; 1888-9, T. W. Douglas, 1890-3, C. P. Ketehen; 1894-5, W. T. Hale, 1896, F. L. Bell, 1897, G. W. Crosby, 1898, W. E. Hopkins and H. C. Millington; 1899-1904, George R. Moody. During 1904 the church was re-shingled, a new chimney built, a roof and blinds put on the belfry, new windows put in, the platform extended across the end of the church, and a new stove purchased. The Young People's Society has bought a new carpet, and paid for papering the audience room. With these improvements this parish now has an exceedingly attractive place of worship.

We have a very fine Young People's Society, which is under the leadership of Miss Lena Osgood, and a Junior Society that is prospering under the leadership of Mrs. Ada Cone.

The financial burdens have been carried in the years that have gone by Edward Crozier, 1876, Otis Wardwell, Jr., 1878, D. D. Powers, 1879, and C. D. Swift, George Wells and Russell Tower and now his daughter Mary. Others doubtless have assisted in the work, but for fourteen years Brother Tower and his daughter Mary have acted as treasurers. Edmund Thayer has charge of the subscription paper, and the finance committee consists of Mrs. O. A. Dodge and Mrs. Perry Colby. Mrs. John N. Yale sees to the collection of the sums pledged. Following is the list of subscribers:

	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
A. B. Thayer	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00
E. G. Thayer	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
F. H. Robinson	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Mrs. J. B. Stone	5 00				
Russell Tower	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
F. Cross	3 00	3 00			
L. M. Pierce	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
J. R. Leslie	3 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	
W. L. Stone	5 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	7 00
George Cross	1 00	3 00			
Henry Cross	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00
Peter Kent	10 00				
John Yale	1 00		1 00		
John N. Yale	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	7 00
Austin Geer	5 00				
E. H. Thayer	0 00	6 00	0 00	6 00	6 00
H. C. Miller	2 00				
James Cone	1 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
C. H. Leslie	1 00		3 00	3 00	
A. W. Billings	2 00		2 00	2 00	2 00
Walter Buxton					1 00
F. Barnham					2 00
Geo. Blackburn	3 00				
D. & A. Robinson	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	
Castanias Brown	2 00		2 00	2 00	
Walter Smith		1 00			
Perry Colby		12 00	12 00	10 00	
Perley Morgan		3 00	3 00	3 00	
Mrs. E. H. Buxton		3 00	2 00	2 00	
Mariette Purce		3 00			
Lillian Purce		3 00			
O. A. Dodge		5 00	0 00	8 00	
C. W. Conon		1 00			1 00
Elisha Bush		5 00	5 00		
Charles Sylvester		5 00	5 00	7 00	
Mrs. Humphrey					
Milton Parish					3 00
C. P. Geer					5 00
H. H. Snyder					2 00
L. A. Paul				3 00	1 00



The collections in 1900 amounted to \$10 67, 1901, \$15 79; 1902, \$20 01, 1903, \$9 31. In 1903 the Young People's Society gave \$12.

The pastor's salary as received per month, three years in comparison:

	1901	1902	1903		
May 12	\$6 00	May 12	\$0 00	April 26	
26	3 00	18	0 00	May 10	\$1 00
June 9	0 00	25	0 00	17	0 00
23	0 00	June 8	0 00	31	0 00
July 7	0 00	22	0 00	June 24	0 00
21	0 00	July 13	0 00	July 3	1 00
Aug 4	0 00	20	0 00	Aug 2	0 00
18	0 00	27	0 00	Sept 20	0 00
Sept 8	0 00	Aug 31	0 00	27	3 00
Oct 6	1 00	Oct 10	0 00	Oct 25	1 00
Nov 6	0 00	Nov 2	0 00	30	1 00
Dec 1	0 00	5	0 00	Nov 15	7 00
13	10 00	16	0 00	24	3 00
22	0 00	30	0 00	Dec 9	5 00
Feb 16	15 00	Dee 4	1 00	Jan 20	14 00
Mar 1	1 00	21	1 00	Feb 9	3 00
	<hr/> \$100 00	<hr/> Jan 4	<hr/> 6 00	<hr/> Mar 4	<hr/> 0 00
		11	3 00	21	5 00
		18	3 00	April 5	9 00
		Feb 25	3 00		
		Mar 5	5 00		
			<hr/> \$102 00		
					\$104 00

For the Presiding Elder the church contributed \$12 in each of the following years: 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903.

This church has given for

	1900	1901	1902	1903
Missions	\$9 00	\$9 00	\$5 00	\$9 00
F. & A	1 00			2 00
Education	2 00	3 00	1 00	3 00
Sustentation	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Episcopal	1 00			
C. C		1 00		1 00
Church Aid			2 00	
Church Extension		1 00		1 00
Tract Society		2 00		

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the church, with date of admission, is as follows:

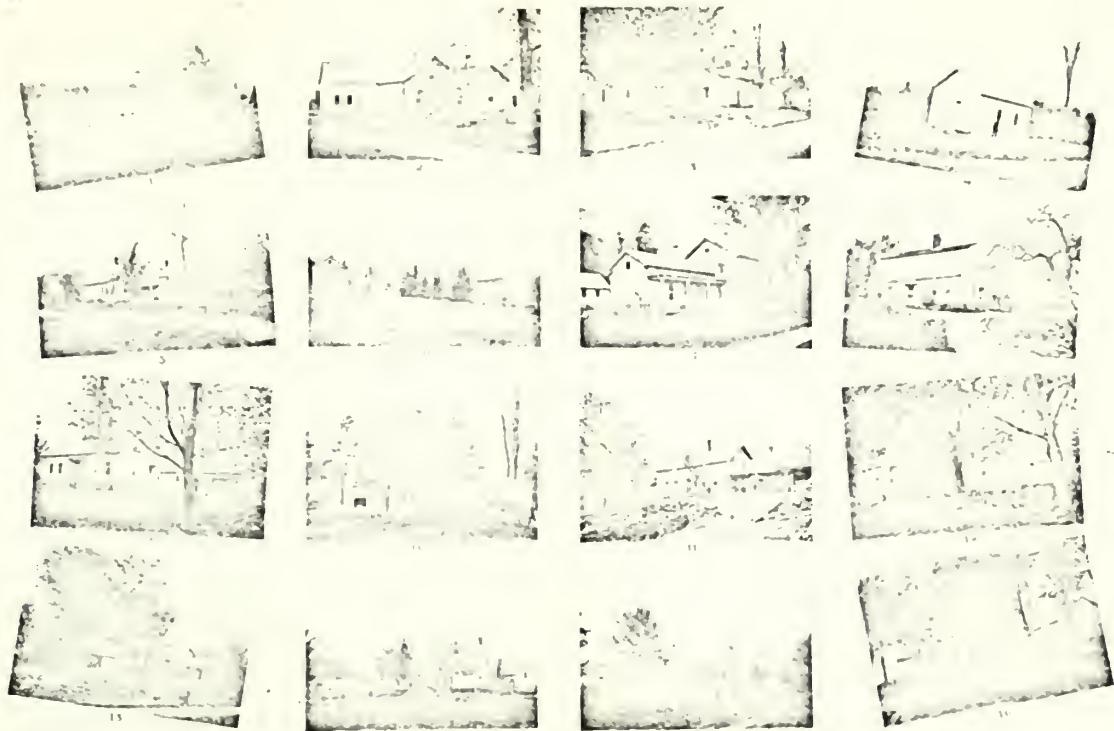
Blanche Billings, 1882; Andrew Billings, 1876; Henry Billings, 1876; Emma Buxton, 1892; Eliza Bush, 1901; Alice Cross 1884; Perry Cady and Mary Cady, 1900; O. A. Dodge and Mrs. O. A. Dodge, 1901; Estella Hathaway, 1866; Fannie Pierce, 1871; Lonyonice M. Pierce, 1891; Mary Parish, 1903; William Kirsh 1899; W. L. Stone and Nellie Stone, 1902; Charles Sylvester 1878; Russell Tower, 1883; Bessie F. Thayer, 1896; John N. Yale, 1901; Mary Yale, 1883; Bessie Cady, 1903; Mollie Robinson, 1896. Probationer, P. Morgan.

Officers for 1904. Pastor, George R. Moody. Stewards Mary Yale, Russell Tower, H. N. Billings, A. S. Billings, Perry Cady, Mary Cady, O. A. Dodge, Mrs. O. A. Dodge, Bessie Thayer (1). Trustees: R. Tower, A. B. Thayer, Perry Cady, O. A. Dodge, H. E. Thayer (3). Estimating Committee: Russell Tower, E. H. Thayer, O. A. Dodge (3). Solicitor, E. H. Thayer. Finance Committee: Mary Yale, Mary Cady, Mrs. O. A. Dodge. Benevolent Committee: Mrs. O. A. Dodge, Mary Yale, Bessie Thayer, Emma Buxton, Mary Cady, Nettie Leslie. Stewards are to look after the welfare of the church and to assist the pastor. Trustees to look after the property. Repair Committee, Brother and Sister Dodge, Brother and Sister Cady, Nettie Leslie, Mary Yale, Mollie Robinson and the trustees. The duties of the benevolent committee are to solicit money and help the pastor to obtain the benevolence. These sums assessed for 1904 are due April 1905: Missions, \$16; Presiding Elder, \$12; Bishop, \$2; Conference Claimants, \$3; Freedman's Aid, \$3; Church Extension, \$3; Education, \$1; Conference General Expenses, \$2.

For 1905 paid Pastor \$109 and \$18 for benevolences.



PLATE IX



1 Button Place    2 Miss Hobson    3 Frank Hobson    4 Cole St. Schoolhouse    5 Paul's Place    6 Tonsaken    7 Sherman Farm    8 J. Stone    9 Mr. Hatch    10 Maylor's Farm  
11 Mr. Gom    12 C. Sylvester    13 Barns & Place    14 H. Tower    15 John Yale    16 Bert Stone



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## Chapter XX. *Cold Street, Cummington*

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No. 1—Edwin H. Buxton was b. in Westfield, Mass., June 20, 1834, and m. to Emma J. Parmenter Aug. 14, 1880, b. in Brandon, Vt., Oct. 25, 1844. They came to Worthington in 1888. Bought the place of Horace and J. Bartlett who had it of Henry Drake, and he of his two brothers. The Drake brothers built the house. The Follett House stood opposite. Walter E. Buxton b. Oct. 19, 1889. Mr. Buxton has lately built a new barn forty by sixty feet. The farm contains 110 acres, keeps six cows and 150 hens, and cuts about twenty-five tons of hay. The hill back of the house is called Knowles Hill.

No. 2—Miss Cordelia Robinson was b. in Chesterfield (Robinson Hollow) Feb. 1, 1836, and her sister Alice b. same place July 17, 1843. They came to Worthington with their father, Eleazer Robinson, in 1854. He bought this place of John Everett. Andrew Everett lived here many years. The place contains 110 acres, and they keep about 150 hens.

No. 3—Ruth Robinson, b. on Mrs. Osgood's place Oct. 23, 1833, m. F. J. Robinson Dec. 12, 1855, he d. Nov. 4, 1886. Mrs. Robinson's grandfather was Luther Granger [See Granger record]. He settled in Middlefield in 1786, and was a blacksmith. Her father was Abraham Granger and her mother Jane Adams. Her sister's name was Rebecca Tower. Frank b. Sept. 27, 1873; Clara, Oct. 7, 1864; Mollie, Oct. 21, 1876. Mollie's real name is Mary B. The farm contains 180 acres, and keeps sixteen cattle, two horses, one pig and fifty-three hens. Mr. Robinson's father, Captain Josiah, bought this farm of Edward Bartlett. The original house is known as the Asa Webster place.

No. 4—School-house, built in 1850, at present not in use. The first school-house stood under spruce trees in Russell Tower's pasture, near the orchard. Later the building was moved to the top of the hill below Tower's house, on the north side of the road, and in 1859 it was again moved to Mr. Shipman's place and used as a shop. When the school was held here there were thirty-five pupils in attendance.

No. 5—Albert A. Paul was b. in Chicopee Oct. 1, 1840. Moved to Holyoke in 1851 married Mrs. Isabelle Parmenter May 10, 1891 b. Aug. 24, 1843. They moved to this place in 1891, and bought it in 1893. Mrs. Paul has one boy. There are fifty-five acres in this farm which keeps three cows, one horse, and seventy hens and cuts ten tons of hay. They had the place of Asa Bartlett, of Edward Bartlett, of Arunah Bartlett who built the house.

No. 6—The Cephas Thayer place is deserted. The house was built by Tilson Bartlett, sold to his brother Onng. Mrs. Randall Calvin Smith, Edmund Smith, Cephas Thayer, Arunah Bartlett, Mrs. Shipman who now owns it.

No. 7—Mr. and Mrs. James B. Shipman. [See Plate 1: Nos. 10-11.] They came to Worthington May 1, 1880. Their children: Jennie, b. in Amherst, d. Dec. 29, 1874; Nellie C., b. in Goshen April 28, 1863; Alice, b. in Goshen Aug. 6, 1865, m. Perley Skelton. Nellie has taught the West Worthington school for many years. The farm contains 180 acres, and cuts thirty tons of hay. They keep one cow and one horse. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman are a very aged couple. They bought the farm of Mrs. Randall who had it of her husband, Lyman. The latter lived here seventy-five years. This house was built in 1860. North of here was the Joseph Randall house. Mrs. Shipman d. Feb. 26, 1905.

No. 8—W. L. Stone, b. in Peru May 2, 1865, n. Nellie Sylvester March 3, 1891, who was b. in Cummington Dec. 12, 1866. They came to this place in 1892. Children: Mary, b. in Middlefield Nov. 14, 1891; Ralph, d. Sept. 23, 1899, age five years; Robert, b. May 15, 1898; Melvin, June 11, 1902; Russell Conwell, Aug. 6, 1903. They bought the place of Arunah Bartlett, who was b. Mar. 30, 1797. He moved to this place in 1814, which was known as the Alden Tower place. The road which passes the house is called No. 36. The place has a fine arrangement for sawing wood, and a blacksmith shop. Mr. Bartlett traded with Mr. Tower who had it of his father, Nathaniel Tower in 1832. It was first settled upon by Nathaniel Tower. Mr. Stone d. Mar. 17, 1905.



No. 9—Elisha Bush was b. in Coxackie, Greene county, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1833 [Plate 13, No. 7]. He came to Cunington in 1898. His nephew David b. Feb. 25, 1887, lives with him; they took him when he was three weeks old. They keep five head of cattle, two horses and thirty hens. The farm contains 160 acres. They bought the place of William Ostrander of Horace Ostrander, of William Parmenter, of Mrs. Warren Jones, of John Everett, of Alexander Ferguson, of Louis Brown, of Myron Trow, of Joseph Rogers who lived here in 1834. This was known as the Deacon Whitmarsh place.

No. 10—Henry Snyder, b. in Germany Sept. 1, 1844, was brought to this country when a baby by his brother Feb. 11, 1892, who was b. in New York City April 20, 1863. They came here in 1892. Their children Mabel, b. Dec. 11, 1892, Henry II., July 22, 1895, Bessie, Jan. 9, 1897, Hazel, Feb. 17, 1899, Edith, May 23, 1902. This farm contains 140 acres, and keeps five head of cattle, two horses, one pig and thirty hens. They took a stone from the old chimney marked 1792. They bought the place of James Everett, of John Everett who came here when five years old.

No. 11—Charles W. Coon, b. in Williamstown, Mass., June 18, 1836, was m. Oct. 20, 1860, to Cynthia Sweet, who was b. in Cleveland, Ohio, and d. 1897. They moved to Cunington in 1868. One child, Alice, b. Aug. 12, 1861, m. Dec. 31, 1885, to Perley Morgan, who was b. in Westfield March 29, 1871. This place contains eighty-five acres, keeps nine head of cattle, three horses and forty hens, and cuts eight tons of hay. Mr. Coon bought this place of Castanus Brown. Lucius Bartlett lived here in 1866. Ephraim Bartlett built the house. Up in the field was the old Tower place. Mr. R. Tower says this was the second frame house built in Cunningham.

No. 12—Charles L. Sylvester was b. in Steuben county, New York, July 10, 1838. His father was Joseph Sylvester, b. in Otsego county, New York, 1812. He had a brother Philander. Mr. Sylvester m. Jan. 1, 1861, to Anna Smith, b. Oct. 17, 1837, in Otsego county, New York. They have two children: Nellie Sylvester Stone and Minnie Sylvester Cross. The farm contains 240 acres, keeps five cattle, one horse and forty hens, and cuts twelve tons of hay. He bought the place of George Ferguson, of his father. They had it thirty years

George's mother, Lizzie Geer, was Austin Geer's aunt. Joseph Farr in 1771 kept a tavern here which is supposed to have been the first house built.

No. 13—Onus Stearns, b. in Pittsfield Aug. 7, 1853, was m. March 5, 1876, to Elizabeth Vankleek, b. in Shokan, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1852. They came to this place in 1877. They have three children: Jared J., b. March 29, 1879, is now living here. The home place consists of ninety acres, keeps fifteen cattle, three horses, twenty-five hens and eleven pigs, and cuts fifty tons of hay. They bought the place of Peter Tower, of Arunah Bartlett who lived here from 1821 to 1834.

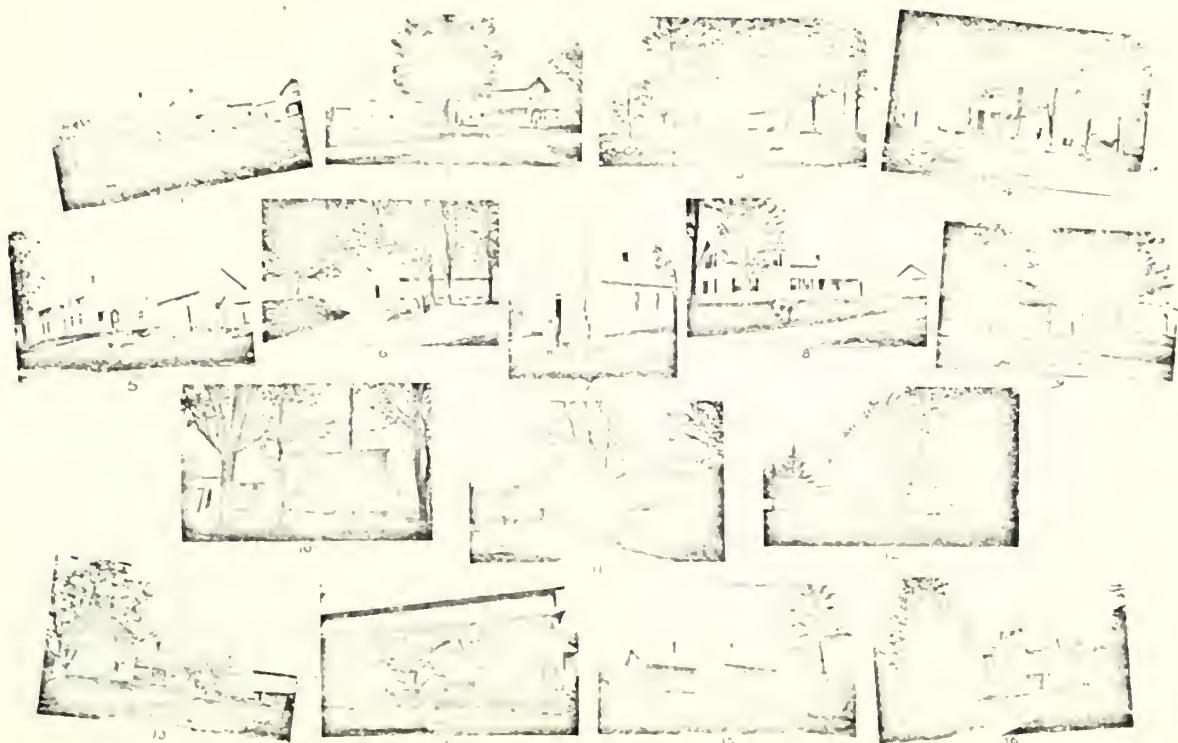
No. 14—The Russell Tower place. [See Plate 13, No. 27.] Mr. Tower lives here with his daughter Mary who m. June 6, 1900, John N. Yale, b. in Meriden, Conn., Jan. 22, 1870. She was b. Sept. 21, 1868. They began housekeeping [No. 15 of this Plate], where they remained about a year and a half, when they came here to take care of her father. She is the church treasurer. Every presiding elder and minister that has come to this church in the last sixty years has always found a hearty welcome in this house. Mrs. Yale's mother had a love for the welfare of the people of West Worthington very rarely seen. Her one wish and prayer for all was that they might be brought to a knowledge of God. They lost a friend which can never be replaced when she died Nov. 11, 1901. Not half of her acts and deeds of kindness can ever be told. And the church lost an earnest worker, one who was always ready to do all she could to help the minister and establish the church. This place was bought of Hiram Bartlett, of Russell Bartlett, of Captain Constant Webster who settled here.

No. 15—John Yale, Sr., b. Jan. 15, 1838, in Meriden, Conn., m. Mary J. Fern May 2, 1864, b. Feb. 22, 1837. They came with their son John to Worthington in Nov. 1894 and bought this place of Albert Edward, of William Cudifield, of Lewis Cady, or Mr. Walker, of Shedwick Hathaway. North of here is the George Cottrell place (1840). The farm contains eighty-five acres. At times they keep ten head of young stock, one horse and one pig. The place cuts ten tons of hay.

No. 16—Owned by Mrs. Jennie Reed, of Burdick Stone Co., Sept. 8, 1863. The place was bought of Perry Cady, of Addison Cady, of Patrick Cudifield, of Asa Cottrell, who settled here.



PLATE A



1. E. Cross   2. E. H. Thayer   3. H. Cross   4. C. Brown   5. O. A. Dodge   6. J. Corn   7. School-house   8. Mr. Humphrey   9. W. Jones (P. O.)   10. M. Brown   11. Jones Mill  
12. A. Thayer   13. Mr. Leslie   14. Three Girls   15. C. Granger   16. C. Leslie



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## Chapter XXI.—*West Worthington*

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No. 1—Eugene Cross, b. in Worthington April 21, 1874, m. Minnie Sylvester May 2, 1894, b. Dec. 15, 1872. They came here in 1901. Their children are Alice, b. Dec. 1, 1897; Nellie, June 6, 1899; May Bell, Oct. 8, 1902. The place contains 110 acres, keeps eight cattle, two horses, two pigs and twenty hens. Bought of Edgar Brown, of R. D. Fultons, Mrs. Martha Adams, of Mr. B. Adams, of James Benton, of Milton Tuttle who was here in 1839. This place was known as the Lindsey Tavern.

No. 2—Edmund Thayer, b. in Worthington on the Charles Leslie place, April 28, 1848, was m. April 11, 1882, to Bessie D. re. b. in Labam, Eng., Oct. 6, 1844. They moved here in 1883. This farm contains forty-three acres, keeps four cattle, one horse and seventy-five hens, and cuts five tons of hay. Bought of B. Palmer, of John Benton, of A. Medbury, of Phillip Bailey, of Henry Brown who built the house.

No. 3—Henry Cross (one of nine children) was b. in Lee, Jan. 9, 1841. After living there five years he moved to Washington, going to Illinois in 1863. He came to Worthington in 1864, went to Cheshire in 1871, and to Windsor in 1873. On May 28, 1873, m. Alice Benson, b. in Becket May 12, 1852. They came here in the fall of 1873. They have four boys and one girl. Two boys live in Vermont, and Eugene Cross, before mentioned, lives away from home. Gilbert Warren, b. April 23, 1887; Alna Bell, Dec. 28, 1894. Mr. Cross' grandfather, David Cross, was in the Burgoyne army, having enlisted from Scotland, and was made a prisoner when Burgoyne surrendered. When the prisoners were marching to Boston they spent a night in the Chester meeting-house, and were fed by the townspeople. Among those who visited them was Nannie Holland, whose father guarded the prisoners. David fell in love with her. The second night afterwards they stopped in Worcester, when it was found that several prisoners were missing, and among them David. After a few years he returned to Chester and married Nannie. Near this

place, on the flat, was a tannery and a house. Clark and Bardwell owned the tannery. Mr. Cross bought of Asa Sherman, of Thomas Young's heirs, of Merritt Sampson, of Alfred Brown.

No. 4—Castanous Brown was b. June 6, 1835. When a small boy he went to Olio, returning in two years. He m. (1) Fannie E. Kingsley Feb. 11, 1855, who d. May, 1863, (2) Amanda L. Brown, March 18, 1864, b. in Huntington May 15, 1847. They had four children—Bertha, Fannie, Ada, Lela. The two latter live near their parents. Mr. Brown bought this place of John Gill in 1868, of Colonel Ward, of Gershom Brown who came from Connecticut and settled on the hill near by. He was a Revolutionary soldier, as was also Mr. Brown's grandfather. His father's name was Robert.

No. 5—O. A. Dodge was b. Sept. 23, 1842, in Woodbury, Vt., and went to Springfield in 1863. He learned the door, sash and blind trade. In 1871 went to work in the car shop, where he remained thirty years. He came to Worthington in 1901, m. Elsie A. Gurnsey April 19, 1863, who was b. in Marsfield, Vt., Nov. 2, 1843. They are both members of our church. There are three children living. Their farm contains 260 acres and keeps fourteen head of cattle, five pigs, thirty-seven hens and a horse. The old Captain Phillips place is also owned by Mr. Dodge. The place was bought of Sarah Noble, of Mr. Miner, of Hiram Bartlett, of Frank Robinson, of Holland Robinson. Christopher Brown bought the old school-house and had a moving bee, when twenty-six yoke of oxen were employed in moving it to this place. He enlarged the building and otherwise improved it. He bought of Robert Brown. Benjamin Drake once lived here. William Jackson, a colored man, at one time occupied the old house.

No. 6—James Cone, b. in Chester Oct. 24, 1867, was m. to Ada Brown Feb. 22, 1891, b. Nov. 1, 1869. They began house-keeping here in 1891. Children, Francis, b. Sept. 6, 1892; Viola,



May 28, 1804; Willard, April 14, 1806; Carlton, April 29, 1808; Lela Dec 27, 1809. They bought the place of Charles Swift and mother, of Ed. Crosier, of Calvin Robinson, of Howland Robinson, of Hiram Bartlett in 1837 of John Parish. They keep five head of cattle, two horses, fifty hens, and cut twenty tons of hay. The old house that stood across the road was last owned by Captain Gaylord, of Howland Robinson, of Widow Granger, of Pomeroey Smith, of George Smith his father, James Benoit and wife have lived here. Widow Fitch built the house. The farm contains thirty-one acres.

No 7—School-house built in 1843. The old one was across the road under the maple trees where the children now play.

No 8—B. Humphrey, b. in Brockton, Mass., July 5, 1836, m. Martha Jones Nov. 22, 1853; b. in Worthington March 30, 1847. They kept house for a time in Boston. Mrs. Humphrey taught school for seventeen years. They had this place of her father, Mr. Jones, who built the house. Near here once stood a store which was built into the church. Harold White, b. Dec. 3, 1892, lives with them. The land was bought of Luke Blair.

No 9—Willard Jones was b. Dec. 30, 1848, in the old house now used by Charles Leslie as a barn. When two years of age he moved into a new house which his father had just built. When twenty-four years of age he bought the Russell Bartlett place and m. Deborah H. Cole Oct. 7, 1873. She d. Oct. 19, 1895. In 1871 he bought the share owned by Mr. Bartlett in the mill. Mr. Jones had three daughters by his first marriage. He m. (2) Miss Pease, Dec. 12, 1901. She was b. in Middlefield March 21, 1865. Mr. Jones has been postmaster seven years and selectman quite a number of years. The farm contains 150 acres, keeps five cows, one horse, three pigs and twenty-five hens, and cuts fourteen tons of hay. Spencer Clark owned the place before Mr. Bartlett, and also the tannery near the church. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones Sept. 23, 1904.

No 10—Marcus Brown, b. near the brook below the Dodge place Nov. 15, 1812, m. Julia Jordan May 23, 1860, who was b. in Windsor, Mass., May 23, 1847. They began housekeeping in Northampton, moving later to Holyoke. They kept the Bryant place in Cummington six years. Their only child is Mrs. Clayton Knapp. They are boarding five State children. N. Parsons built

the house in 1842, sold to Luke Blair to Eli Sennett, to William Cross, to Samuel Cross, from whom Mr. Brown bought.

No. 11—The Jones mill, owned by Willard Jones who manufactures whip butts. The mill, which was built in 1846 by his father and Russell Bartlett, has a capacity of five hundred dozen per week.

No. 12—Alfred Thayer was b. in Montague July 10, 1848. He came to Worthington in 1850, m. Annie Maguire Sept. 28, 1867, in Cummington, where they began housekeeping and lived fourteen years. They came here in 1871. His only son, Ernest Thayer b. in Cummington June 22, 1888, in Sept. 28, 1892, to Lena Jones, b. July 20, 1874. The children are Mabel, b. Aug. 19, 1894; Deborah Anne, Aug. 11, 1896; Ethel Nov. 16, 1898. The farm contains 170 acres, keeps twelve head of cattle, three horses, two pigs and fifty hens, and cuts thirty tons of hay. Near here there was once a blacksmith shop. Mr. Thayer bought of Calvin Robinson, of A. B. Medbury, of Jonas Bennett. Lathrop Reed lived here in 1820, and was one of the town's selectmen. Dwight Thayer lived with his great uncle, Noah Pierce, who kept the hotel in Chesterfield. Later Mr. Pierce moved to Worthington and kept the Lafayette hotel near the watering tank at the Corners. Mr. Thayer married Alfred Brown's daughter. His children were George, Alfred, Mary, Lucy, Julia, Julia 2nd, Emma, Edward, Ransom, and Warren.

No. 13—The James Leslie place [See Plate 13, Nos. 13, 14.] They bought this place of Cephas Thayer, of A. Medbury's estate. Mr. Medbury built two large boarding houses which were used in connection with his tannery, near by. The farm contains 100 acres, and keeps six cattle, thirty hens and one pig. The tannery was owned at first by Mr. Watson, who also built this house.

No. 14—Our girls

No. 15—Charles Granger was b. Dec. 14, 1882. His father was a brother of Rebecca Tower and Ruth Robinson. His grandmother bought this place in 1851 of John and Catherine Ross, of Otis Jones, of Mr. Medbury, of William H. older who built the house. The land was owned by Mr. Medbury. In the southwest corner is a plot seven feet square reserved for a burial lot.

No. 16—Charles Leslie was b. in Washington, Mass., March



12, 1862. Moved to Worthington when two years of age. He m. (1) Ida Osgood, 1884; (2) Nettie Dodge, Nov. 26, 1890. They lived for a time in Springfield, coming to this place in 1900, having been back and forth for several years before. She was born in Springfield Aug. 25, 1871. Children: Melvin C., b. June 9, 1886; Gladys N., July 6, 1895. The foundation of this house was one of

the first in this part of the town. Mr. Leshe bought of Oliver Parish who built this house. The barn was once the old Alfred Brown house. Mr. Parish bought of Mr. Knapp, of Knickerbocker, of Alfred Brown who was in the war of 1812. Mr. Parish had a factory in 1873-4. Across the road is the Watson tannery place, afterwards Mr. Medbury's. N. Parson has also lived here.

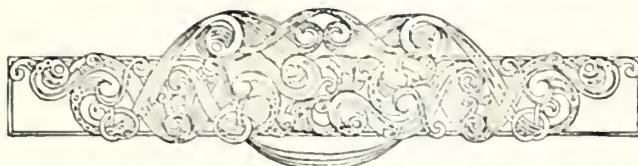
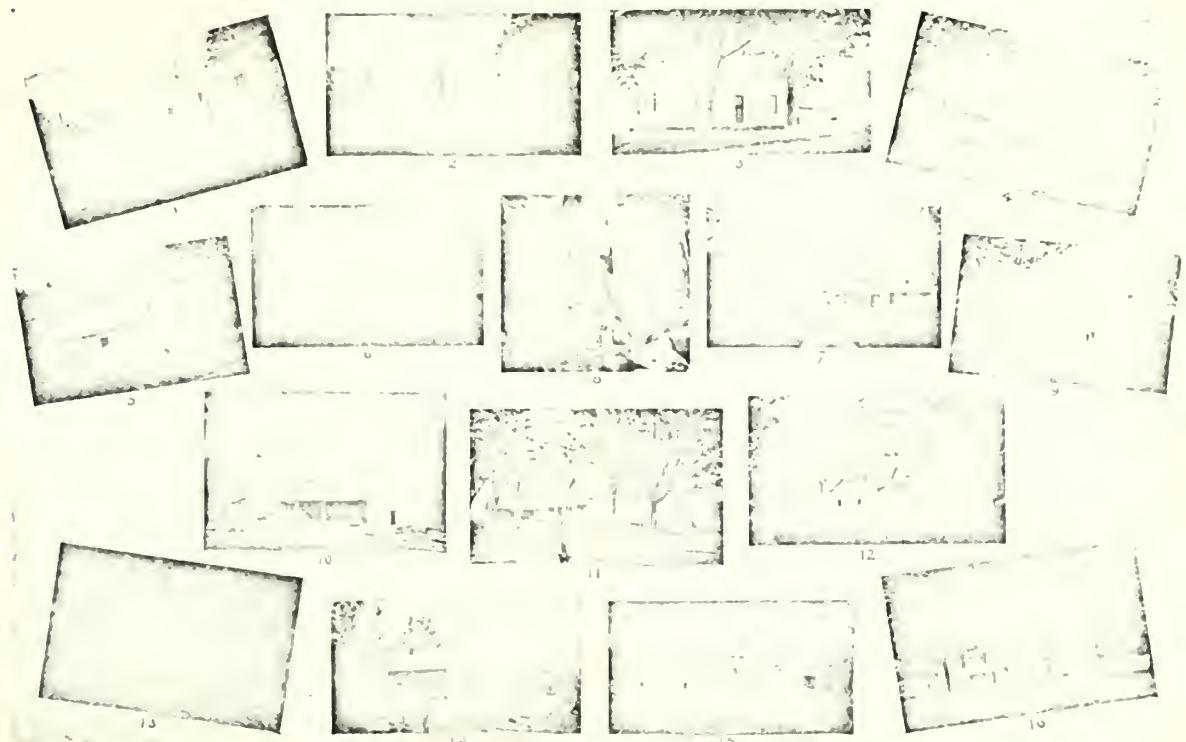




PLATE XI



1 The Henhouse    2 Mr. Torrey    3 P. Geer    4 Mrs. Geer    5 School-house    6 Mrs. Usgrid    7 Mr. Tinker's Place    8 West Worthington Falls    9 Mr. Weston    10 Weston's Mill  
11 Mr. Parish    12 P. Cady    13 The Prize Winner    14 A. Billings    15 H. M. Billings    16 Dr. Hardy's Farmhouse



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## Chapter XXII. *Mr. Torrey to Dr. Hardy*

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No. 1—A henhouse. Many believe that there is more money made in keeping hens than cows if the owner knows how to feed them.

No. 2—Owned by Mr. Torrey, who lives in North Adams. Bought of Austin Geer, of Samuel Knapp and George Smith, of John Cady, of Joel Clark, of Lyman White of Mr. Roberts.

No. 3—Preston Geer, b. Aug. 3, 1856, was in Sept. 13, 1862, to Elmira Pelton, b. July 10, 1864. They began housekeeping here. The farm contains 575 acres, and keeps sixteen head of cattle, two horses and thirty hens. This place was bought of Samuel Knapp and George Smith, of Garry Munson, of Spencer Steward, of Sherman Geer, of Nehemiah Tinker.

No. 4—Mrs. Austin Geer [See Plate 13, No. 30]. Her daughter, Ann Jane, b. Aug. 13, 1850, always lived at home. Kept school ten terms. Austin Geer bought this place of his brother Warren Geer who bought it of Captain Goodsell, of Benj C. Perkins. It was called lot No. 165 and was part of 164. Twenty-five hens are kept on the place. Sherman and Warren Geer had a sawmill on the stream. Captain Goodwill in Nehemiah Tinker's daughter.

No. 5—A deserted school-house. The old one occupied a site on the hill.

No. 6—Lucy M. Osgood was b. in Washington Nov. 27, 1839, and moved to Becket when ten years of age. She became the wife of George Osgood Nov. 27, 1857, and they began their married life here. Of their seven children three are now living—Fred of Middlefield; Olive Lena, b. Jan. 21, 1876; George, Fely 28, 1881. Mr. Osgood repaired the house in 1862. He had it of his father Safford 1794-1879, who bought it of Orin Granger. The house was built by Mr. Granger. The old house stood a little west. Bought of Luther Granger, of Uncle Stelbins, of Abraham Granger, of his father Luther Granger, of Abel Parker, of David Ide. The land is called lot No. 160. Luther Granger came

here in 1813. Austin Geer's father, Luther Geer, settled on the hill and his father John came from Connecticut and settled in Peru with his father Ezra Geer. Luther Geer 1786-1853, m. (1) Joan Geer 1787-1832, (2) Lydia Bisbee. His children Roxanna 1809, Sherman 1812, Warren 1815, Rosilla 1817, Lucy 1819, Austin 1821, Dolly Ann 1824, Clarinda 1826, Maria 1829. In 1810 Ebenezer Tuttle sold to Luther Granger fifty acres, the south-half of lot No. 159. In 1833 Luther Granger sold a twenty-acre lot and a forty-acre lot to Abraham Granger.

No. 7—Jeremiah Tinker built on the hill, sold to Omri and went West. Omri 1802-1892 m. (1) Sabine Crozier 1808-1853, (2) Sarah Chapman 1819-1890. A son by the first marriage, George W., b. April 14, 1830, m. Mary Bidwell Jan. 5, 1875. They had one son and two daughters. The daughters married the Cross boys and live in Vermont. Harry, the son, b. Nov. 4, 1876, m. Lela Brown May 10, 1900, b. May 16, 1878. Their children—Esther, b. May 11, 1901, Clifford, Oct. 4, 1903. This place has been in the Tinker family for many years. It contains 245 acres, keeps two horses and twenty-one head of cattle, and cuts forty tons of hay. Omri was a man who loved the church and was interested in its formation.

No. 8—The West Worthington Falls. This is a wonderful sight, but should be seen about midday to be best appreciated.

No. 9—We now begin above the Four Corners, and first come to the Benton mill and house [see Plate 13, No. 23], and the lot of his sister-in-law, No. 18. The old house which stood on the other road near the mill was moved by Spencer Parish, rebuilt and sold to Captain Gaylord, to Mr. Adams, to the Bentons.

No. 10—Benton's Mill. John Parish, b. 1727-1817, built a mill near the falls, after it was burned he came here and built a sawmill, which was rebuilt in 1840 and left to Spencer Parish, to Mr. Gaylord, to B. Adams. In 1871 the Bentons bought it. Here is a good chance for a young man to start in business. He



could saw lumber, shingles and lathes, make whip butts and grind grit.

No. 11—Milton Parish's children live here. Mary, the oldest, is trying to keep the family together. They have lost both of their parents. Mr. Parish spoke cheerfully to the boy about three years of age and told him not to cry, papa would be all right in a day or two, and, turning over, was not. How many such cases as this there are! May God's blessing fall on those sisters who so kindly care for the parentless children. Mary, b. in Windsor Dec. 24, 1884; Spence, Jan. 15, 1886; Harold, Dec. 1, 1888; Maria, June 26, 1892; Nellie, Aug. 21, 1895; Howard, April 20, 1899. One boy, when a mere lad, lost his life by drowning in the pond. His name was Robert Spence Parish, 1789-1876, m. (1) in 1812 Eunice Benjamin, 1787-1838, (2) 1830 Samanthe Thompson 1803-1890. Their children Gurdon, b. 1813; James, 1816; Elisha, 1818; Joseph, 1820; Oliver, 1823-1825; Spencer, 1826; Consider, 1829; Emily 1833-1862; Oliver, 1840; Milton, 1844-1903 m. in 1882 Ada Beals 1860-1902. Milton had the place of his father Spencer who had it of his father John. The original Parish place was near the top of Snake Hill.

Mr. Stephenson's history speaks of the tribes of Indians who once lived on this farm. The pitfalls are fast filling up, but are yet to be seen by a natural basin one mile in diameter twenty rods east of the stream, toward the school-house. They are two in number, extending in a northerly and southerly direction three rods apart. The north and larger one, oval in shape, is from two to three rods wide. They were formerly fifteen feet deep. Flint arrow heads and stone hatchets have been found here, and many stories are told about them.

No. 12—Perry Cady, b. in Peru March 11, 1860, m. Mary Cady March 31, 1884, b. in California July 4, 1865. They came to Worthington in 1891. Children Bessie, b. in Northampton Sept. 2, 1885; Elsie, July 21, 1892. The farm contains 210 acres, keeps twenty head of cattle, three horses, two pigs and fifty-one hens, and cuts fifty tons of hay. Bought the place of Lorenzo Edwards who came here in 1866. Lyman Hitchcock bought it of Spencer Parish who built w for his hired help.

No. 13—A prize winner John P. No 0562 Father Keystone 5651. Mother Massable 8045

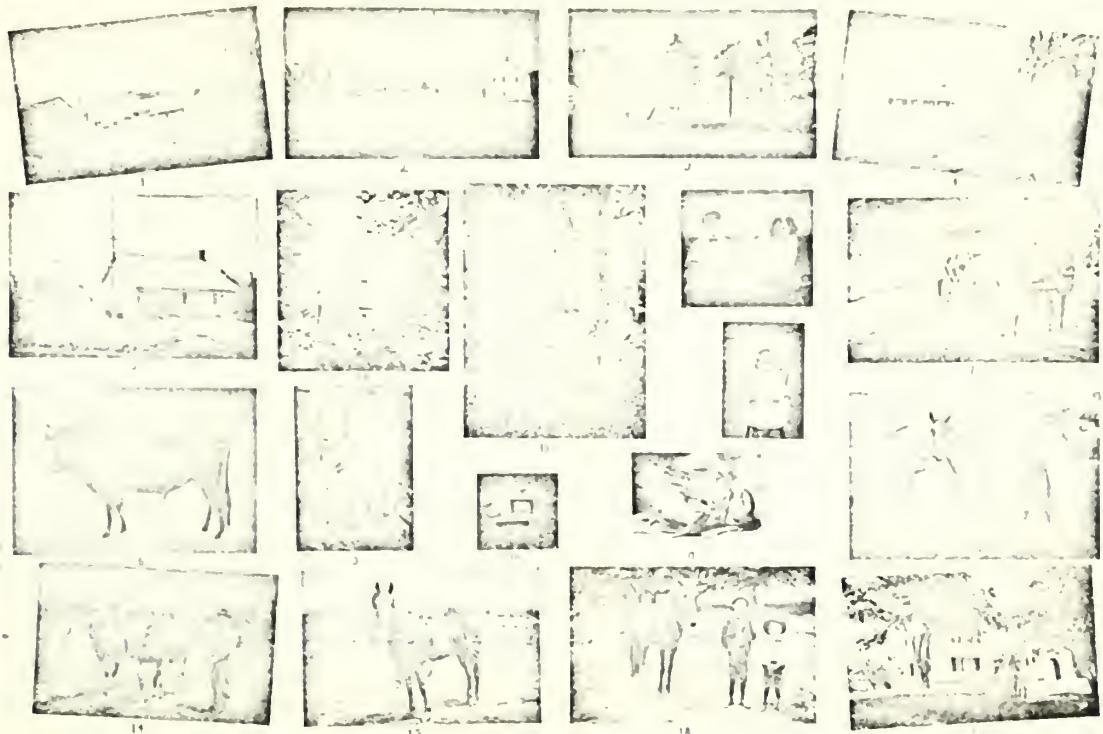
No. 14. We are now in Peru, having crossed the town line. On the hillside lives Andrew Billings, b. May 15, 1847. His father's name was Deptford and his grandfather's Shorun. They all lived here. Shorun came here from Cummington. The family tradition says that he ran away from slavery, coming from Groton, but what state is not mentioned. His wife, Julia Peach, was a servant in a family by the name of Temple, an English Tory, who lived near Bunker Hill. Mr. Temple took his cattle and drew away a load of powder so that it could not be used at the battle of Bunker Hill, and hid it in his barn. Our fathers had enemies within the camp as well as without. Shorun Billings cleared the land and built a house, this burning, they made the shop into a dwelling house. Burgoyne's army passed over this hill when marching to Boston. Near by is a small excavation where gold has been mined in small quantities. The divining rod stands erect in this section, indicating that there is gold below. Who will find it? The place contains sixty acres, keeps three cows, one horse and twelve hens, and cuts five tons of hay. His brother James M., b. 1831, d. 1900.

No. 15—H. M. Billings, b. July 26, 1844, never married. He has acted as janitor of the church for twenty-five years. His sister Sophia, b. May 16, 1861. Shorun Billings, Jr.'s father built this house. The place was bought of Silas Stowell. It contains twenty-nine acres, and keeps two cows, one horse, one pig and fifteen hens.

No. 16. This place is owned by Doctor Walter Hardy of New York City, a dentist, who spends his summers here. We gladly welcome such men to our town and to our church services. We can be mutually helpful. May they spend many delightful seasons here. He bought of Perry Cady of Mrs. L. M. Pierce of her husband, of A. Edwards, or Roland Pierce. His father George Pierce settled here and lived across the road. Just above is the cemetery for this part of the town. Hereabouts are many vacant farms with no houses, and others with. More than a thousand acres are waiting for someone to work on them. Settlers with energy, perseverance and a little money could do much to build up Peru and our little church.



PLATE XII



1. M. Brown    2. Mr. Beaman    3. Mr. Barnes    4. Crane's Shooting Lodge    5. Stone Schoolhouse    6. The Jersey Stock    7. Going to Town    8. Drake's High Steppers    9. The Dog  
 10. On Guard    11. Ready to Hop    12. The Frame    13. Looking for Pa    14. The Cows    15. The Horse    16. Warming Horse    17. The Tree    18. The Boys    19. Young West



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## Chapter XXIII. Plate XII

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No. 1—Murray Brown was b. in Peru July 25, 1843, and has always resided in town excepting eight years when he lived in Windsor. In 1850 his father kept 100 sheep, one horse, one pair of cattle, three cows and fifteen pens. Mr. Brown's first wife, Sarah I. Pierce, d. March 14, 1870. Their only child d. when three years old. He m. (2) Lucy B. Taylor June 17, 1870, b. in Buckland April 18, 1838. Mr. Brown's aged mother lives with him. [See Plate 13, No. 22.] His grandfather Brown was eighty-two when he died, and his grandmother ninety-four. Mrs. Brown's grandfather is eighty, and grandmother ninety. The Browns have always loved the church. This place, one of the oldest, is called the Holcomb place, and contains 100 acres, which with the Jackson place (Mr. Brown owns this and other places, about 500 acres in all) makes 333 acres located in Peru. Mr. Brown keeps thirty-three sheep, five horses, thirteen head of cattle and thirty hens, and the home place cuts thirty-five tons of hay. He bought the place of Mr. Thompson in 1881 who had it of Marshall Jackson.

No. 2—Henry Beauman was b. in Reedsborough, Vt., Oct. 21, 1856, and came to this town when ten years of age. He m. (1) Mary Grey, (2) Emma Pierce Jan. 26, 1885, b. Nov. 22, 1893, in Windsor. They moved to this place in 1901. Mr. Beauman built the house. Their children are: George, b. Dec. 1, 1893; William, June 4, 1895; Rosanna, March 22, 1897; Augusta, Sept. 22, 1899; Frank, Aug. 2, 1901; Herman, July 23, 1902. Bought the place of Linus Willy, of M. B. Russell, of W. M. Shaw, of R. Watkins, of Mr. Meacham, of Mr. Plunker, of Damon Miner.

No. 3—Henry M. Barnes was b. in Ireland and brought to this country when a baby. He m. Oct. 24, 1891, in Hinsdale. Emily Thayer, b. in Pittsfield, Mass., June 20, 1866. They came

here in 1895. Children: William, b. Oct. 28, 1892; Charles, April 24, 1895; Alfred and Albert, May 7, 1897; Ralph, Oct. 6, 1899. They bought the place of the Pittsfield Savings Bank, of Mr. Thayer, of Mr. Bird, of Joshua Beals, Colonel Joy, of Isaac Pierce, of Mr. Axtell. Near here was the old Miner place.

- No. 4—Crane's shooting lodge
- No. 5—The stone school-house
- No. 6—The Jersey bull
- No. 7—Going to town.
- No. 8—Drake's stepper
- No. 9—The dog
- No. 10—On guard
- No. 11—Ready to hop.

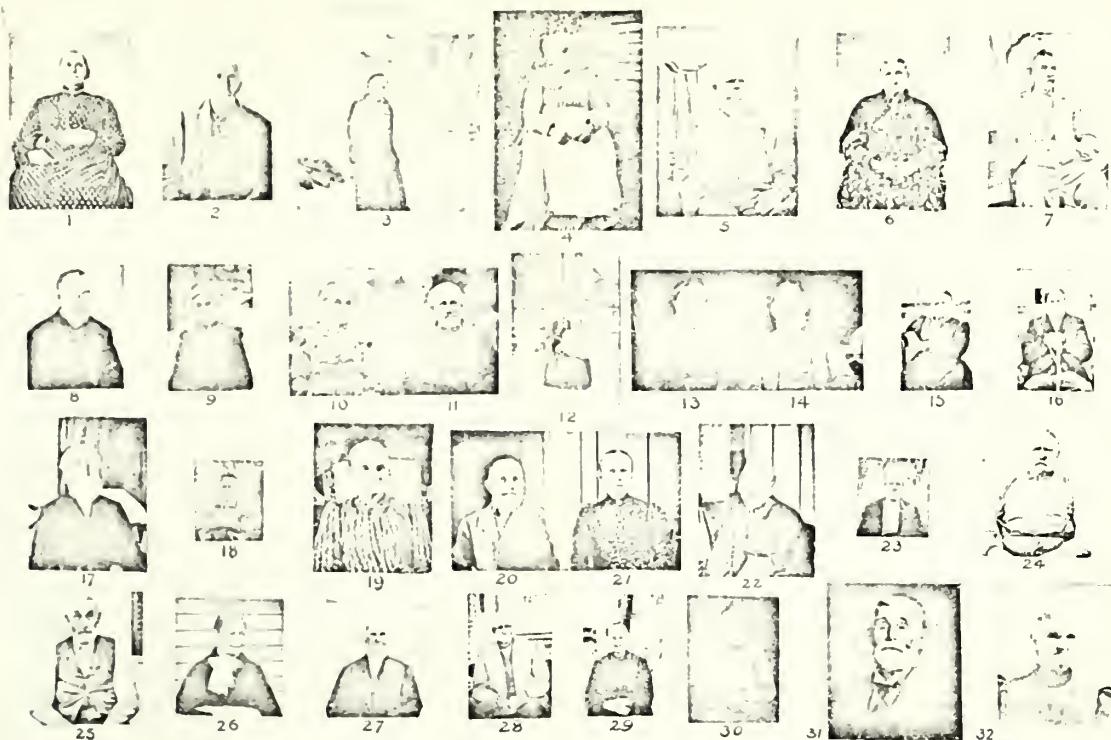
### THE FROG'S FEEDING

Mr. Frog has an enormous mouth for his size, and if we were to put a finger inside it we would find that he has a row of teeth in the upper jaw and that his soft white tongue, unlike our own, is attached in front and is free behind. When he wishes to catch any insect he throws out the free end of the tongue then draws it in so rapidly that it is difficult to see whether he has been successful or not. As the tongue is coated with a gummy fluid the insect sticks to it and is carried back into the mouth, which closes upon it like the jaws of a crab. Frogs, however, are not limited to the mode of feeding. They often leap open-mouthed upon larger prey, which includes besides insects small fish, mice, small ducklings, polliwogs and tiny frogs—*H. Ward's Home Companion*.

- No. 12—The friends.
- No. 13—Looking for pa.
- No. 14—The oxen.
- No. 15—The horse.
- No. 16—Warming stove.
- No. 17—The tree.
- No. 18—The boys.
- No. 19—Going West.



PLATE XIII



1. Mary Taylor  
2. Edwin Dodge  
3. Mrs. Blair  
4. Mrs. Hollings  
5. Mrs. H. Converse  
6. Sarah Smith  
7. Mr. Bush  
8. H. Converse  
9. Mrs. H. Converse  
10. Mrs. Sherman  
11. Mr. Sherman  
12. Mrs. Sarah H. Converse and granddaughter  
13. Mrs. Leslie  
14. Mr. Leslie  
15. Mrs. M. Thrasher  
16. M. Thrasher  
17. A. Sanderson  
18. Mrs. Johnson  
19. Mrs. Adams  
20. H. Hancock  
21. Mrs. H. Hancock  
22. Mrs. Brown  
23. H. Denton  
24. Mr. Wood  
25. Louisa Prevost  
26. Mrs. Pearce  
27. H. Lower  
28. H. Drake  
29. Mrs. M. Smith  
30. Mrs. H. Denton  
31. Mrs. H. Denton  
32. Mrs. H. Denton



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## Chapter XXIV. *People Over Seventy in Our Parish September 1, 1903*

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No. 1—Mary Taylor was b. in Chester, Mass., June 18, 1830, and came to Worthington in 1833. Her father bought Mr. Herrick's place and she lived there nine years, going back to Chester in 1844. She m. Feb. 25, 1852, and had one daughter, Lizzie, who m. M. C. Smith. Her father, George Taylor, was b. in Chester Oct. 12, 1800, d. June 2, 1881, m. Ruth Smith Jan. 5, 1826, b. Dec. 25, 1797, d. March 4, 1875. Mary Taylor had one brother William who was killed at the battle of Antietam. She lived on what was known as the Taylor place until 1883, then lived in the West for four years, returning to Chesterfield in 1889 to M. C. Smith's. She remembers the building of the B. & A. R. R. in 1840.

No. 2—Edwin Dodge was b. in Deerfield, Mass., Jan. 13, 1832, and came to Worthington with his father in 1847 and bought a place of Patrick Bryant in Ringville, called the Metcet place. He m. Nancy Cowing Dec., 1852, and lived on the hill many years [Plate 6, No. 1]. He enlisted in Co. K, 40th Regiment. Now lives with his son George.

No. 3—Clara Blair was b. in Hartford, Conn., Aug. 26, 1830, and went to New Haven when a small child. She is a member of the Chicopee high school alumni, and began teaching school in that town in 1850, serving in that capacity for twelve years in one building. She m. (1) Mr. Gardner of Knightville Dec., 1857. Mrs. Blair has experienced much sorrow during her long life. The young bride suddenly bereft of her first husband, he living but thirteen months after their marriage, she returned to teaching in Chicopee. At the close of the spring term in 1861 she went as a nurse to the soldiers' convalescent hospital in New Haven, Conn. Many a soldier boy was helped by her kindly ministrations and skill. She was suddenly taken sick the last of October, 1861, and discharged about the first of November when it was seen that it would be some time before she could recover. She finally regained health, and in August, 1872, became the wife of

David Blair of South Worthington, residing on the hillside, where she has ever since lived excepting while her new house was being built. She tenderly cared for Mr. Blair's daughter Sarah who died in 1877, and two years later Mr. Blair also passed away, who had long been a pillar in the community, and especially in our church. So in 1879 Mrs. Blair was again a widow. She was the daughter of Dyer and Lucinda Hargar. The doorstep of her house on the hillside is level with the church spire. She is the local correspondent of the *Valley Echo*, and her items are read with interest by many readers. [The reader is referred to Plate 3, No. 9.]

No. 4—Sarah A. Billings, b. in Walpole, New Hampshire, Oct. 20, 1817, m. (1) Charles Green Sept. 23, 1846, they had four children. (2) Deptford Billings Nov. 16, 1869, b. in Worthington, 1869, d. 1891, age 85. He had six children [see Plate 11, No. 14]. Mrs. Billings died suddenly May 6, 1904.

No. 5—Levi Angell, b. in an old log house built by his grandfather near Frank Morey's barn, Sept. 5, 1823, m. Angelina Joslyn March 28, 1854, who is afflicted with the shaking palsy and we are unable to present her picture.

No. 6—Sarah Smith, b. in Chester, Mass., Nov. 24, 1819, came to Chesterfield in 1881. When a small girl she came to Ebenezer Cole's on a visit and remained about four years. She well remembers the building of the first church, and attended religious services in the old barn on Burton Hill.

No. 7—Elisha Bush was b. in New York in 1833. He enlisted in 1864 in Co. A, 20th Regiment of New York, and served his country eleven months. He m. (1) Susan Fairchild May 17, 1869, (2) Hannah Day in Sept., 1887, who d. March 12, 1903. He came to Cummington in 1868.

Nos. 8-9—Mr. and Mrs. Horace Converse. He was b. July 23, 1820, in a house that stood in his peach orchard, and was m. Nov. 11, 1847, to Miss Laura Ladd, b. in Chester Nov. 15, 1823.



They began housekeeping and have always lived in their present home. They have one son, Laforest [see Plate 3, No. 10].

Nos. 10-11—Mr. and Mrs. Shipman. Mr. Shipman was b. in Hadley, Mass., Oct. 6, 1822, and lived in Amherst, Mass., until he was twenty years of age. He m. Nov. 24, 1853, Miss Cordelia Eldridge, b. in Ashfield, Mass., May 6, 1827. Came to Worthington May 1, 1880. [See Plate 9, No. 7.] Mrs. Shipman d. Feb. 26, 1905.

No. 12—Mrs. Sarah Converse was b. in New York State Nov. 2, 1820, came to Chester when three years of age and lived about a mile below Mr. Rust's house. She was married to Samuel Converse Jan. 19, 1843. They began housekeeping in a house where Hiram Higgins' house now stands, remaining there for eight years, and their three oldest children were born there. In 1851 they bought the place owned by Isaac Gleason where C. K. Brewster's grandfather, Elisha Brewster, built a log house. Three more children were born, Lillian, Anna, Fred. In 1901 they sold to Mr. Williams and moved to Huntington. Sister Converse and her two daughters (who are invalids) are faithful members of our church. Although deprived of the privilege of attending the church services, yet these daughters kindly remember the work by prayer and by financial help. It is a pleasure to visit them in their home. Mrs. Converse has her granddaughter in her lap. This family is widely known in the "Sunshine Circle."

Nos. 13-14—Mr. and Mrs. James Leslie. Mr. Leslie was b. in Canada Sept. 27, 1825, and came to Becket, Mass., in 1849. He m. Betsey Cross May 21, 1857, b. in Becket April 27, 1854. Lived in Washington. They came to their home in West Worthington in 1864.

Nos. 15-16—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thrasher. He was b. in the house that stood near a pine tree in Mr. Freeman's field, in Chesterfield, Sept. 15, 1825, d. Oct. 2, 1904. He m. Emily Drake March 5, 1847, b. in Worthington (on Lot Drake's place) Nov. 11, 1827. They began housekeeping in the Castle place, then moved to Lewis Cole's, to John Niles', to Sarah Adams', a cottage which was used in the erection of Fordyce Gardner's house in Knightville, then to Captain Ring's house in Ringville. They bought the old red school-house and made it into a dwelling-house which is now owned by Frank Sanderson. In 1861 they bought the house near Mr. Witherell's shop. They then moved to where

they now live, then bought the house where Charles Bradley now lives, their next move being back to their farm in 1900.

No. 17—Alonzo S. Sanderson, b. in Norwich Dec. 4, 1810, was moved when two years old to Blandford, where he lived until eleven, then came to South Worthington in 1821. For one year he lived in the Sarah Adams house, then moved to Matthew Burton's opposite Arthur Witherell's place towards the west. While the family were living there, Mr. Sanderson's father built Mary Burke's house. The elder Sanderson's blacksmith shop was first opposite George Thrasher's house, then moved opposite their new house (now Mary Burke's) in 1823. Alonzo S. was m. Nov. 25, 1834, to Sophia Drake, b. Aug. 16, 1816. She d. May 20, 1902. Mr. Sanderson bought the Hiram Higgins place of William Jackson, lived there about two years and then sold to Parley Hutchins, who was afterwards murdered in Littleville. In 1850 Mr. Sanderson moved to the house he now occupies with his son, Frank Sanderson. Mr. Sanderson and his wife were m. by Rev. Mr. Leslie, then pastor of the South Worthington church, the latter going afterwards as a missionary. For sixty-eight years Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson lived together and to them were born four children and thirteen grandchildren, of whom twelve are now alive. "Uncle Monzo," as everyone calls him, now at the age of ninety-two, retains his mind remarkably, walks about and seems to get a good deal out of life in spite of the godly number of years he has stowed away behind him, with all the shadows as well as the sunshine, that such a span of life must inevitably bring. He recalls distinctly the ministers who first began the Methodist meetings under the maple trees below what is now Mr. Bradley's shop. Among them were Rev. Mr. Lucky and Rev. Mr. White, Mr. Hastings, an exhorter, who came from Blandford and lived for a time at Horace Cole's. In the old books of Mr. Sanderson's father's, is found a record of a full day's work done in the blacksmith shop, for which the sum of fifty-eight cents was charged. That was back in the days when stoves were just beginning to come into use, when houses were all heated by mammoth fire-places, and when warming stoves constituted the only hot spots in the church services. Mr. Sanderson is hale and hearty and can walk off as well as many a man in sixty. He used tobacco for thirty years, but for the last fifty has used none. He enjoys



going around among his neighbors, and his favorite theme is stories of his younger days. He can write very legibly, enjoys reading the weekly paper, and has several times in recent years read *Fox's Martyrs*.

No. 18—Mrs. Harriet Wells Benton, b. in Pittsfield Feb. 5, 1826, m. (1) B. Adams July 20, 1848, who d. Aug. 1, 1873. He conducted a sawmill for many years in West Worthington. She m. (2) John Benton May 10, 1876, who d. Aug. 12, 1898. She has one son who lives in New Jersey.

No. 19—Sarah Drake Adams, b. in South Worthington March 7, 1833, was m. by Elder Wright May 1, 1850, to Mr. Lewis Adams, who was b. in Worthington Aug. 10, 1825, in the same house where she now lives, and here he d. Nov. 4, 1894. They kept house at his father's and moved for the winter to Chicopee, Mass., then moved to Chesterfield Hill. In 1852 they occupied an old house nearly opposite D. Granger's house. They purchased the place of Elijah Higgins, and bought the old Baptist church and made it into a house [Plate 1, No. 2], then moved to their present home Nov. 17, 1891. The old Milton Adams place is near Gaston Smith's place.

No. 20—Mr. and Mrs. Hancock. Mr. Hancock was born Jan. 26, 1825, in a house that stood in Mrs. Kate Higgins' field, opposite H. Bradley's new home. His father was a manufacturer of cloth and his shop stood over the bridge opposite the house where Mr. Hancock now lives. Seth Cole and Hob Meacham lived in the shop, having made it into a dwelling-house. This was taken down and made into a basket shop by T. K. Higgins. Mr. Hancock moved to Huntington with his parents. He m. Nov. 25, 1847, and in 1849 moved to the place he was born in, then occupied by Lyman Higgins, who rented one room to Mr. Hancock. The house opposite was occupied by his father, mother and William Dickinson. Mr. Hancock was present at the famous meeting that divided the district. This meeting was held at Hiram Higgins' mill, when Farrington Pease was elected moderator, and Thomas Ring school committee, an old-fashioned oath being administered by Mr. Pease. Elisha Converse proposed that the meeting be opened by prayer. The Rev. Stockman being asked to pray, he asked the Lord to make their hearts as soft as their heads. Mr. Hancock has been sexton of Ringville cemetery

for over twenty years, assisting during that time in interring one hundred and sixty bodies. He has been connected with the singing of the church for over forty-five years, acting as leader for thirty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock were charter members of the old Granite Grange. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1897.

No. 21—Martha Hancock was b. Dec. 7, 1829, in an old house which stood just north of Burton and Ellis Cemetery on Goss (Goffe) Hill. The house was used in building the ell of the house where Charles Bradley lives. It was called the Solomon Burton place. Next to this across the road is where her grandfather Barnard Burton lived. The next place down toward the South Worthington church was called the Williams place, and has been occupied by various families. The next was the old John Niles place. It was burned before 1829. The John Ellis place, near the A. G. Drake place, fell down before 1830, but the old barn stood for many years. One of the stories of the olden times was that Asa Elder, being somewhat sleepy after dinner one day, was leaning the chair in which he was sitting against the side of the house, when the whole side fell out and he was obliged to find shelter in other quarters. Mrs. Hancock remembered nearly all the old settlers. After her husband had recovered from a severe sickness she was so feeble that she died from exhaustion Oct. 15, 1904.

No. 22—Martha Brown, b. in Pownal, Vt., Aug. 15, 1820, was m. to Uriel Brown April 12, 1840. He was b. April 10, 1815, and came to Peru in 1840. Her father was David Bushnell, who lived to be ninety-nine years old. She is the mother of seven children. Although in her eighty-fourth year her mind is clear, and it is a pleasure to listen to the stories of her childhood days. Mrs. Brown joined the Methodist church in 1858. Her family were always supporters of the Gospel.

No. 23—Henry Benton, b. in Peru Nov. 9, 1828, came to live in E. Cross' house in 1839 and moved to the present place in 1871. He keeps a fine herd of Jersey cows, and runs the saw-mill. When able he attends the Center church.

No. 24—Daniel N. Wood, b. in Lanesboro, Mass., Aug. 11, 1831, m. Martha Oviatt March 6, 1850, b. April 17, 1840. They began housekeeping in Lanesboro, then moved to Salisbury, Conn.



and later back to Lanesboro, coming to Worthington in 1897. He was a carpenter by trade. His father was b. in the same house in which he was. He was the first one to die after this engraving was made. He died Nov. 23, 1893.

No. 25—Isaac Pereival, b. in Amherst Aug. 9, 1826, came to Worthington in 1851, and went to work for John and Jonathan Eugene Sanderson, who were running a mill where Mr. Bradley now has his shop. He next worked in Ringville for E. C. Ring. He enlisted July 20, 1863, in Co. F, 32nd Regiment. Of all the men drafted in Worthington he was the only one to go to the front. The story is told of a certain man of this section, that being able to go as a substitute, he took the \$300 and after getting to the front would put his shoulder out of joint, and being sent home would take another name and go somewhere else and do the same thing over again.

No. 26—Mariette Pierce was b. in Peru Feb. 2, 1820, and lived with her brother previous to his death, but now boards with Mr. Edmund Thayer. She has always been a quiet and faithful person. She is a member of the church, and her place there is never vacant. One of her special recreations is knitting her pastor a pair of stockings each Christmas.

No. 27—Russell Tower, b. May 31, 1826, in the second frame house in Cummington northeast of Mr. Coon's place (Plate 9, No. 11), came to Worthington when seven years of age and has spent all the days of his life on this farm (Plate 9, No. 14), with the exception of twelve years. He has been a very faithful member of the church, and remembers the erection of the church building. His home has always been wide open to the preachers, and he gives them such a hearty welcome that they often enjoy his hospitality. His wife d. Nov. 11, 1901.

No. 28—Bdilings Drake, b. in Worthington on the Lot Drake place Jan. 27, 1831, m. (1) Parmelia Bryant, b. in 1835 and d. April 4, 1861. Mr. Drake lived one year at home and moved to Chesterfield, Mass., to Mrs. Gannon's house. After living there three or four years he moved to Frank Simmonson's house (Plate 5, No. 9), then back to Mrs. Gannon's where his wife died, after which he went home to his folks. He m. (2) Dora Cowles of Easthampton. They began housekeeping in the old Consider

Cole house, where their daughter Nina was born. They moved to T. K. Higgins' house, to Freeman's, to Stetson's, to Bradley's, to Mrs. Adams', to the house near Witherell's shop, from whence he went to live with his son Arthur. His father d. June 8, 1861, aged seventy-four years, and his mother Nancy, October 2, 1889, age ninety.

No. 29—Mary Burke was b. in the old Warren house in Freeman's field Feb. 2, 1822. She lives with her daughter Lottie Higgins.

No. 30—Lucy Osgood Geer was b. in New Lebanon, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1823, and went to Peru in 1830. In 1837 her father rented E. Cross' place of Colonel Tuttle and lived there until 1839, then they moved to Joseph Starkweather's place. She m. Oct. 9, 1843, Austin Geer, b. Oct. 18, 1821, on Luther Geer's place, and d. in 1901. They began housekeeping in Peru and lived there in 1850, moving to her present home in 1851. Mrs. Geer has two children living. She is a member of the Center church.

No. 31.—Alvin Ormsby, b. in Westhampton May 22, 1825, was m. Feb. 17, 1853, to Lucy Pease, b. Oct. 27, 1832, and d. Dec. 12, 1854. He moved to Worthington April 18, 1858. His grandmother married for her second husband William P. Miller and lived across the brook from Mrs. Angell's. (Plate 2, No. 14.) His father was Samuel Ormsby 1774-1833, m. (1) Rachel Day d. 1833, (2) Betsey Kelso. Children: Samuel 1803, Rachel 1805, Calvin 1807, Corelia 1809, Celia 1811, Lisander d. young, Lisander 1815, Sarah 1817, Elizabeth 1820, Erastus 1823, Alvin d. 1825, Almaena 1827; Alvin thus having eleven brothers and sisters.

No. 32—Eliza McHebrook Smith, b. in Lanesboro, Mass., June 16, 1828, was m. Oct. 13, 1850, to Miles Smith and they began housekeeping at Mr. Freeman's house, later moving to Melvin Thrasher's, to Mrs. Gannon's, to the old church, to Mr. Stetson's, to Hiram Higgins', to Dan Cole's, to Lyman Mayhew's, to Reuben Drake's (widow Moore's), to William Higgins' nearly opposite Z. H. Hancock's, to T. K. Higgins', then again to Lyman Mayhew's, and at last to this place. When Mr. Smith bought and sold farms he generally made money. It is an interesting fact that many of our old settlers acquired property by selling out and moving around.



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## Chapter XXV. — *Essays*

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### ESSAY No. 1

Our conviction, after a careful study of this section, is that our farmers need to acquire the science of raising grass. Very few can say that their farm yields them a ton of hay to the acre. The farms of the future must yield that quantity at least, or else farming will not pay.

#### CATTLE

The day of cattle raising is yet to come to the Eastern farmer; it will pay if understood. Every farmer should raise enough for his own use. Better put a beef creature into the barrel than sell it for seven cents a pound and buy it back for from ten to sixteen cents.

#### PIGS.

We must raise more pigs. They thrive well out at pasture during the summer, with a little additional feed; in the fall they can be given pumpkins and squashes, fed a bag of grain, and put on the market. As some men find this a profitable business, why can not others?

#### HENS.

Considerable skill and attention must be given to hens, then they will do well. They need the run of a grass plot, but not a large field, and so used it is enriched. Many find that they pay better than cows.

### ESSAY No. 2

Add a good piazza to your house if you want summer boarders. Good sleeping rooms and a good piazza will bring you all the summer boarders you want at seven dollars a week. Our section has yet to see its best days along this line. We are not so sure but that it will yet be the rich man's home.

#### CANNING FACTORY

If the social life of the grange will only educate our farmers to agree among themselves it will be a great success, for we need a canning factory; and it ought to be a success, for we raise the sweetest and best corn and the finest blueberries grown anywhere in the world. We could readily dispose of all we could raise. But there must be union of effort among the farmers. They now must sell their products for what they can get for them, and buy at the price the other fellow demands. Can we change all this?

#### WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

We are now living in days when woman is recognized to be the equal and often the superior of man. Man demands that she shall be pure and clean. Should she persist in going about with a pipe in her mouth and a plug of tobacco in her pocket, the men would all go on a strike; surely there would be general commotion if she should adopt the habits of men. When woman shall rise up and assert her rights and demand that men shall be pure and clean she will have them. If every time a man bought a piece of tobacco, a luxury to him, she demanded her share of the profits, he would either forsake his habit or go into bankruptcy. Has she not as good a right to the benefits as he?

#### GOOD ROADS.

The great need of our section is better roads. We must have them, and expect that in a few years they will be in such a



condition that one horse can do the work now requiring two. What we lack is good material to build with; but we have plenty of rocks which may be crushed, so with these and the crusher the road problem will be partially solved.

#### SCHOOL.

The old-fashioned school gave to the boys and girls a better fit for the duties of life than does the present system. If a boy wished to go to the academy and the college he received a sufficient knowledge to go; but now the district school is unable to fit its scholars for the high school of our cities. We know that this is a great problem, but when our committees acknowledge that the district school can not fit its pupils for the high school it shows that it must be behind the times.

#### LABOR PROBLEM.

The great problem before the farmer is how to get laborers. The old-fashioned way was to raise them, but now labor commands a better price on the market than the farmer can pay. What few boys he does have are leaving him. Something must be done. One solution of the problem is to bring farming to the level of other occupations. The hours of toil must correspond to the strength of the toiler. The same system and science must be used on the farm as in other places.

#### FAMILY LIFE.

Man is everywhere seeking happiness. We sometimes hear the objection to family life that selfishness is on the increase. Nothing but pure Christian religion can ever solve the problem. We need the ideal Christian life to be sought after in the family life, in the problems of labor, in the political world, and for that matter everywhere. Every family should take both secular and religious papers. It is now pretty generally the secular, but

already these are devoting some space to religious matters an indication that the present-day newspaper publisher has discovered the world's need. They should go hand in hand. The secular press, having taken on a higher and purer tone, has nearly crowded the religious newspaper out of existence. We would urge our readers to take both and find time to read them around the family circle, giving the boys and girls a chance. Study their inclinations and tastes and give them what will best develop them in every way. Let the children share in the home life and they will share life with you.

#### RELIGIOUS.

While I am aware that what I have already written touches the important facts concerning our parish, yet I trust I may be pardoned for making this observation, that experience teaches that the truly good man is in demand. Learn to love all that is good. Evil and good are ever around us, but the good book says, "Overcome evil with good." Each life is being filled with something; if with evil, the good is neglected. Harboring impure thoughts will develop evil tendencies until perhaps unconsciously on your part undesirable habits become fixed. Your friends are watching you. If they warn you of your failures, remember that it is done for your good, and count them the best friends you have on earth. On the other hand your enemies will smile upon you and tell you to go on; and when you can no longer help yourself they will forsake you and God will then call you to account. Begin each day with looking up toward heaven. "If you laugh, the world laughs with you; if you weep, you weep alone," says the proverb which is being revealed to the world more and more. In the place of a harsh way of speaking, have a joyful ring in your voice, then not only mankind, but even the dumb animals will welcome your presence. Sickness may be driven away by a song, and a sick-room filled with cheer by the entrance of a good man.

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